MOTHER SARAH

7. PEACE TALKS

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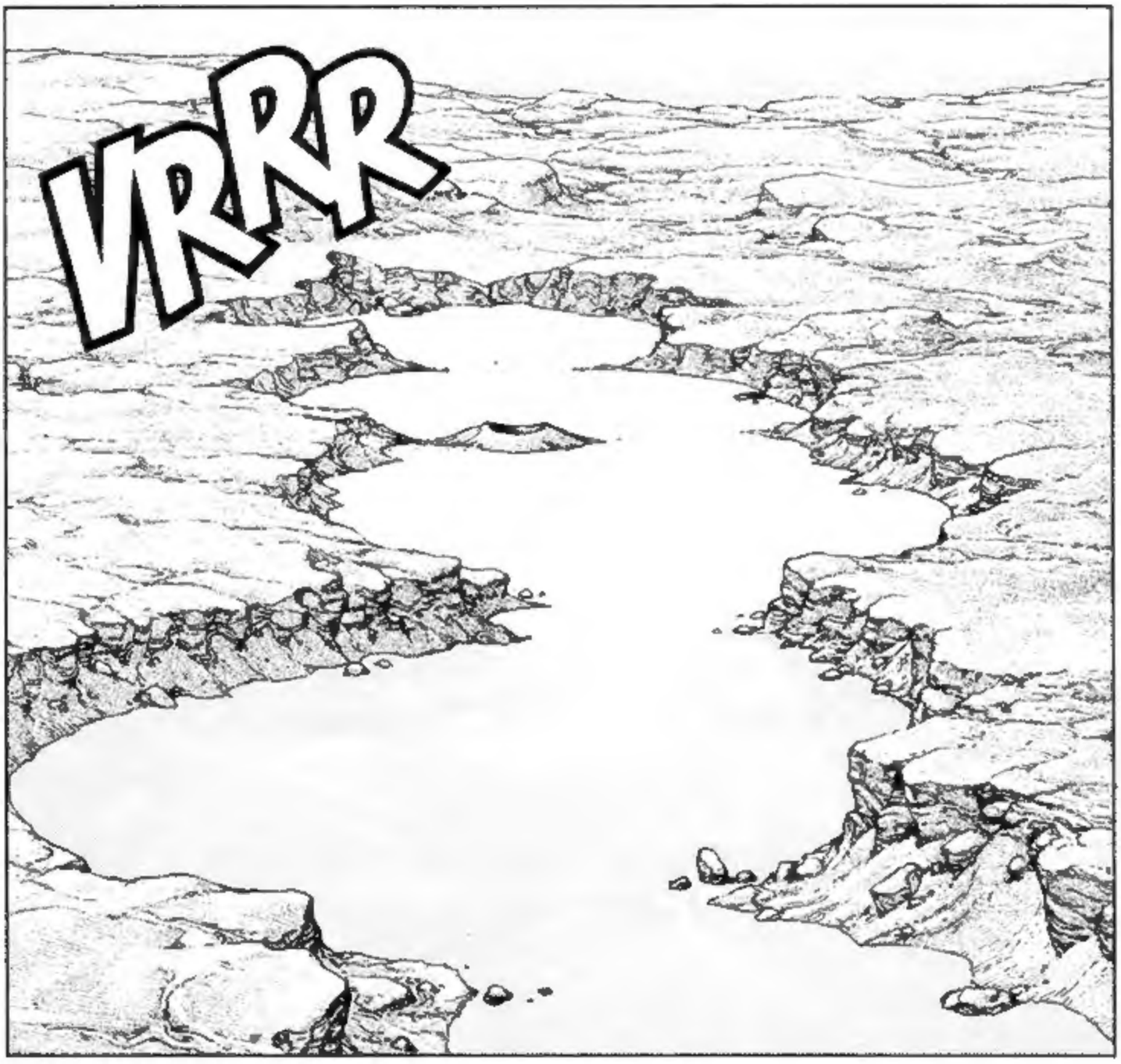
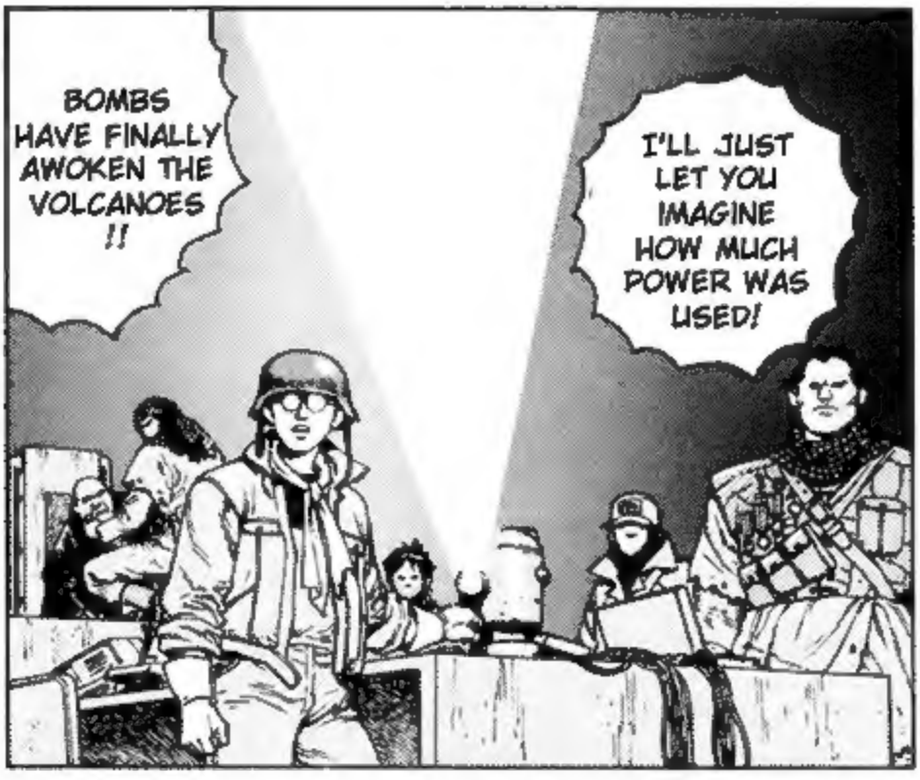
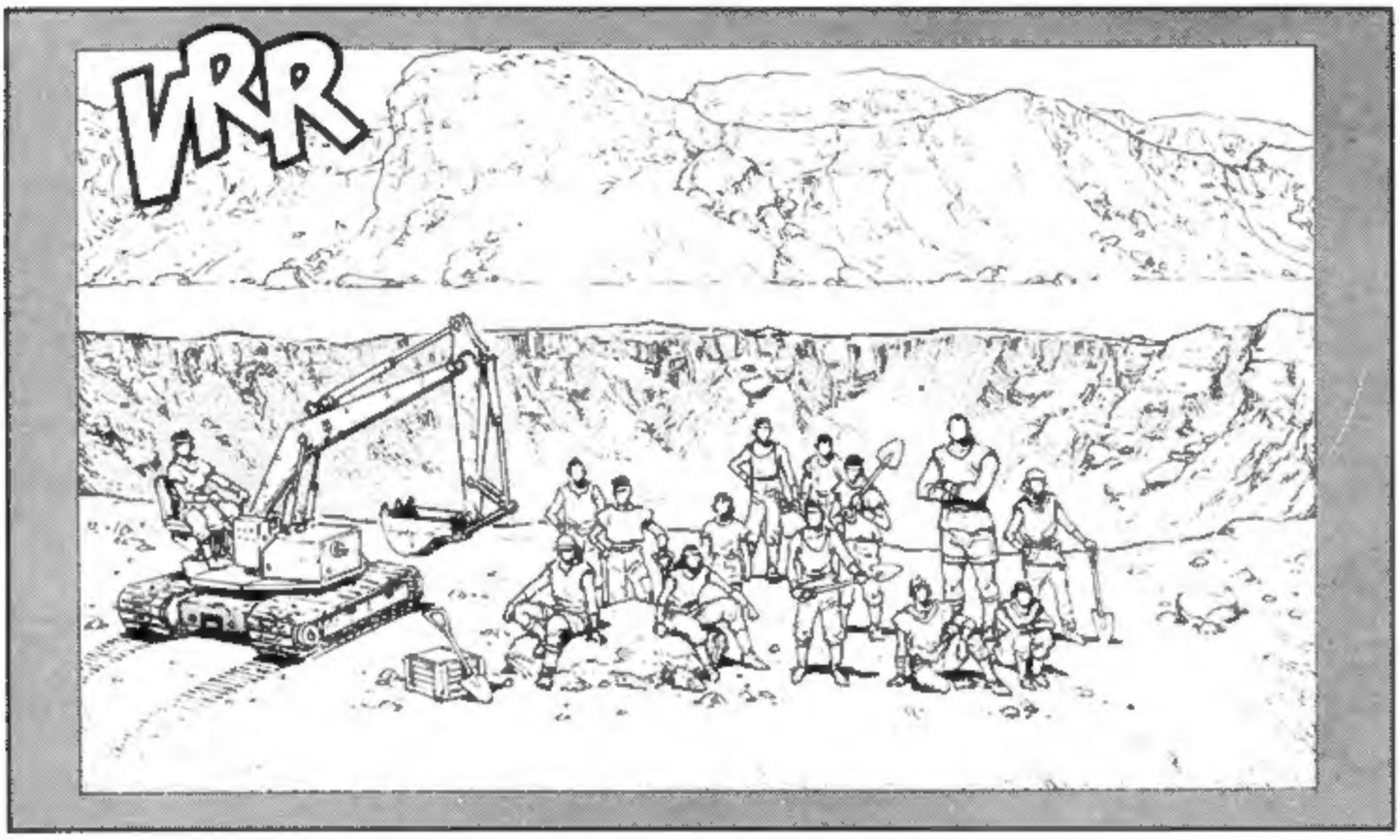

VRRR


BOMBS HAVE FINALLY AWOKEN THE VOLCANOES !!
I'LL JUST LET YOU IMAGINE HOW MUCH POWER WAS USED!

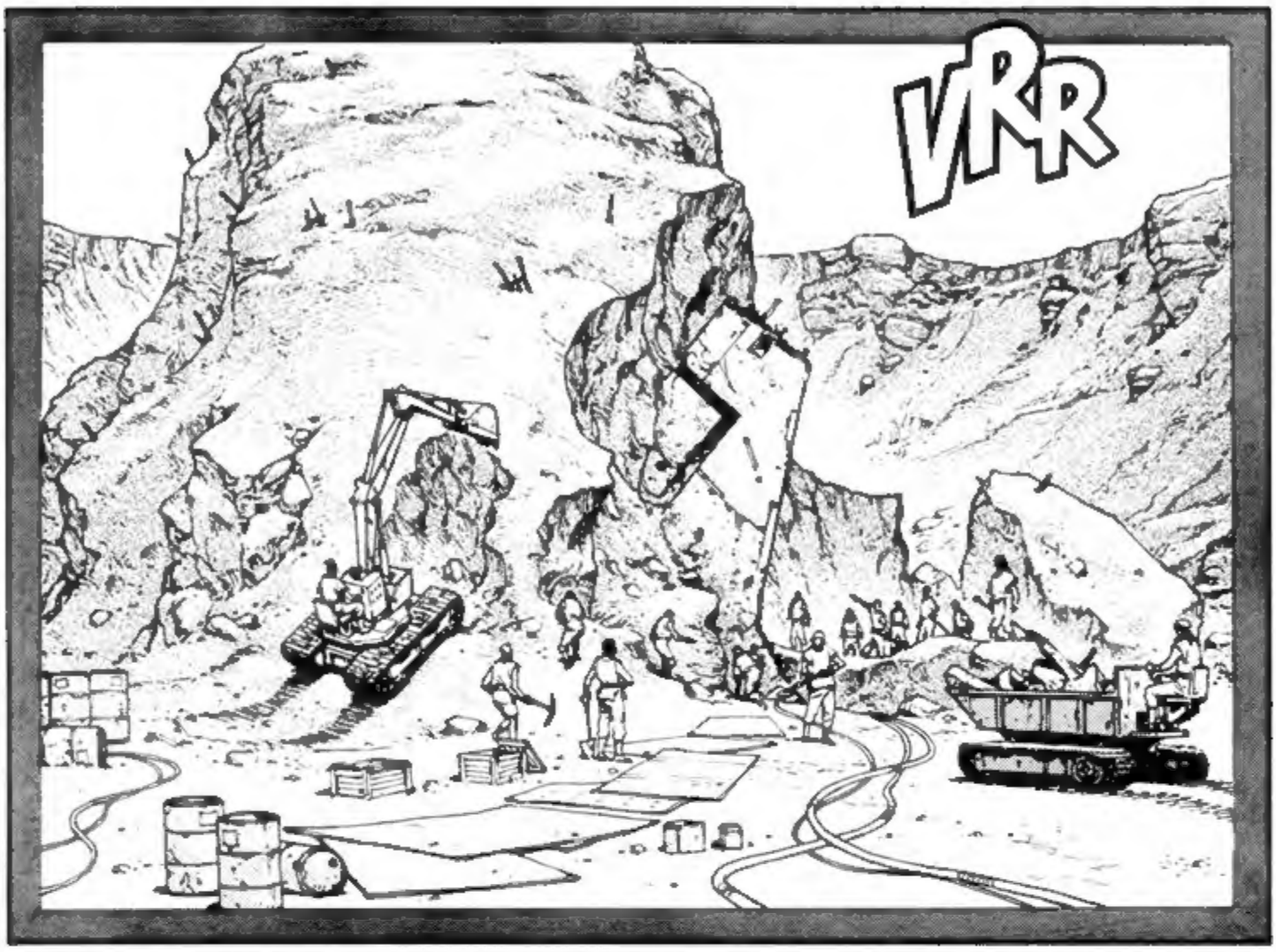
THE CRACK WAS SLOWLY FILLED BY WATER, MAKING A CANAL!

VRR
BUT... THAT ISLAND ... WHAT IS IT?


VRR

OH!
THOSE PEOPLE ...!

WE'RE THE ONES THAT YOU SEE THERE !
BUT THE MORE INTERESTING THING IS THE CRATER THAT YOU SEE BEHIND US!
FLASH
VRR
LOOK CAREFULLY AT WHAT STAYED BURIED IN THE GROUND !
LOOK AT WHAT WE FOUND!


VRR

BUT, IT'S ...

?!

NO...

YES, IT'S ...

VRR
AN "EPOCH 22" BOMB!
22
!
NO, IT CAN'T BE!! IT'S MANIPULATION !!

BLA
BLA
BLA
BLA
TURN THE LIGHT ON !!
THE SLIDE SHOW IS OVER !!
CHK
CHAK
CHK
CHK
CHK
YOU ...
WHAT DO YOU WANT ?!
WE WANT TO INFLUENCE YOUR DECISION ...

SO IT WAS THAT!
BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN DECIDED YET!
THAT MEANS WE ARRIVED IN TIME!
YOU, YOU MILITARY TYPES, YOU WANTED THIS WAR, NOT US!
WE'LL STAY HERE TO VERIFY THAT ALL THE WEALTH WILL BE FAIRLY SHARED IN OUR NEW WORLD!
THEN YOU WON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PEACE !!
BLA BLA ...

MMM
WE'LL BE HERE FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED!
DON'T TELL LIES!
YOU'RE ONLY TERRORISTS !!
WE WON'T TAKE ANY ORDERS FROM A BAND OF THIEVES !!
AND WHAT WILL YOU DO IF WE DON'T FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS ?!
IT'S SIMPLE: WE'LL BURY THE BOMB REAL DEEP AND DETONATE IT!

IT'LL BE BURIED IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET AT IT!
ONCE THE BUTTON IS PRESSED, IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE TO TURN BACK ...
WHAT ?!

THE BOMB WILL BE BURIED DEEP IN THE HEART OF THIS VOLCANIC AREA !
AND WHEN IT EXPLODES, THERE'LL BE A HUGE ERUPTION WHICH WILL MAKE TONS OF ASH FALL, CREATING AN ARTIFICIAL WINTER FOR 5 TO 6 YEARS!

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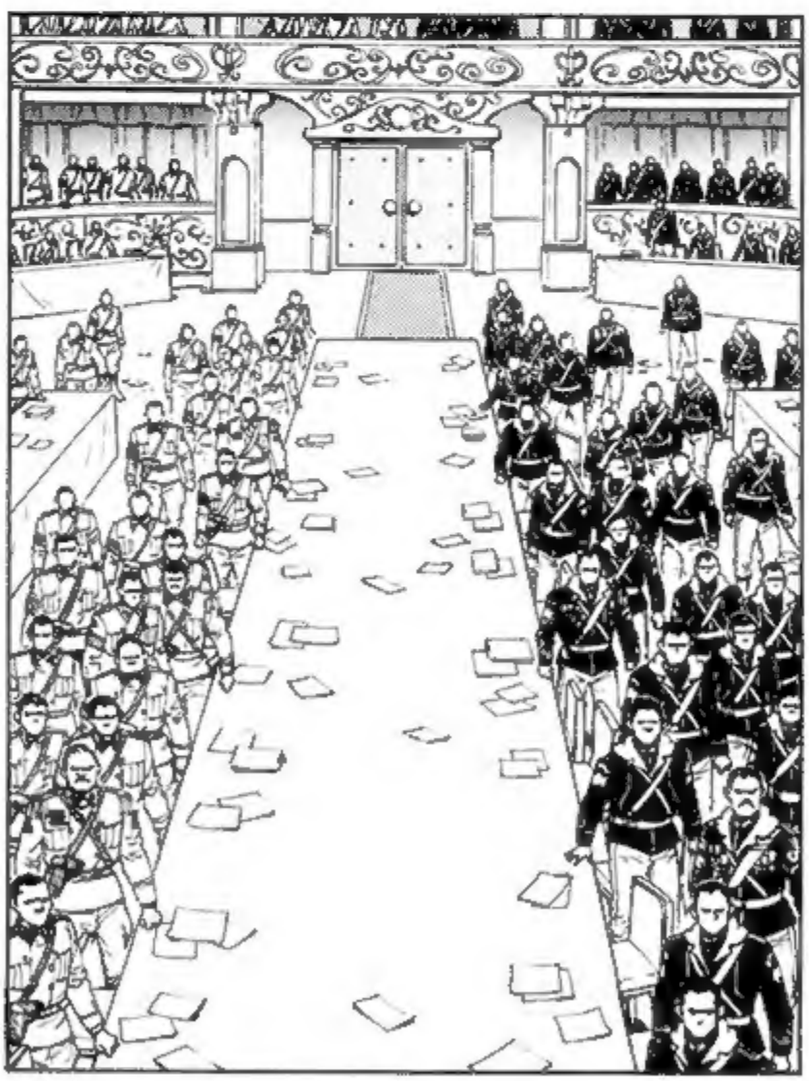
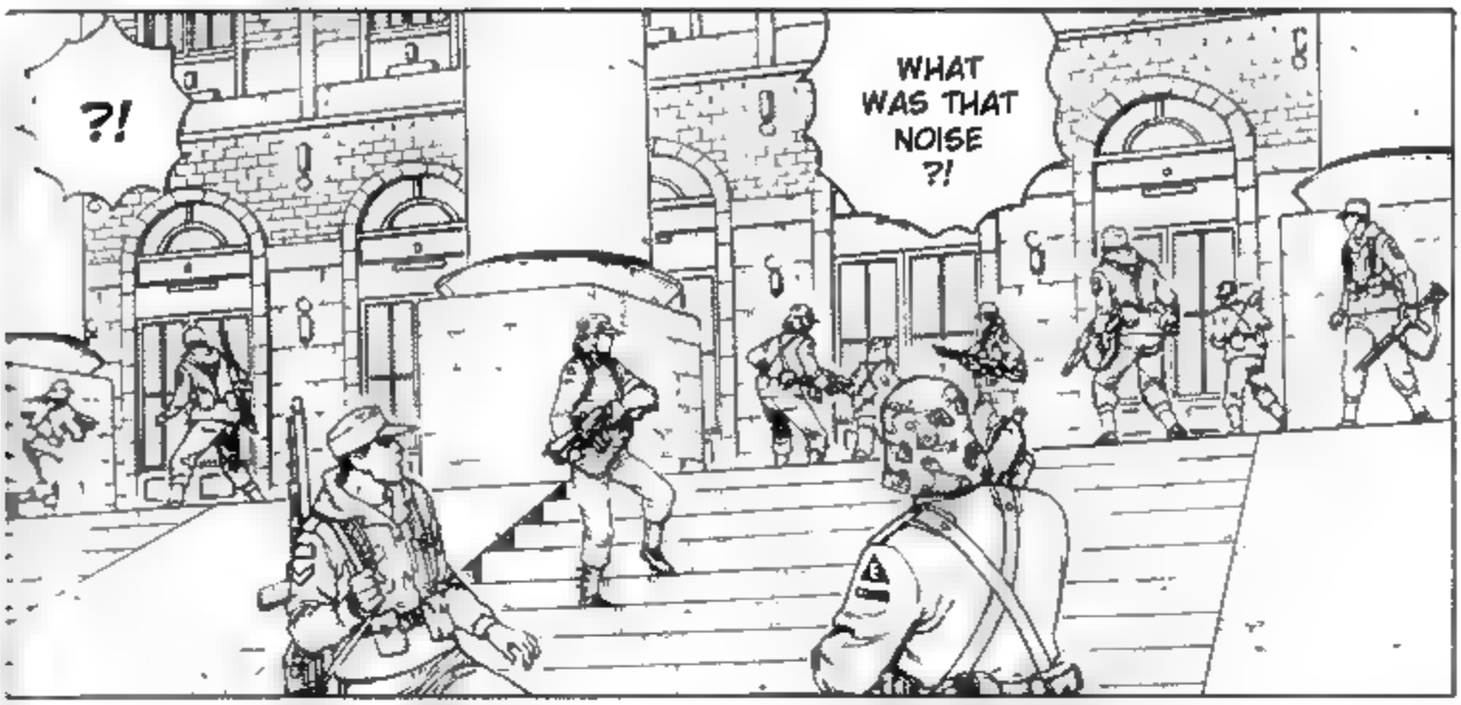


OH...
OH...
BUT YOU, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LIVE IN THAT HELL TOO!
YOU KNOW IT, DON'T YOU ?!
WE'LL HAVE A PEACE THAT ISN'T THE ONE YOU'D HAVE CHOSEN!
TO START OUR LIVES AGAIN DOESN'T SCARE US AT ALL!
WE'RE GOING TO BUILD OUR OWN FUTURE ...!
THAT'S ENOUGH, CATCH THEM!

THINK ABOUT WHAT WE SAID!
WE'LL COME BACK IN A WEEK TO GET YOUR ANSWER!
CHAK
!
CLINC
HARATO!
OH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

ZISH!
FWOSH
STOP !!
TSUMURI, GO!!
!!

BKOOM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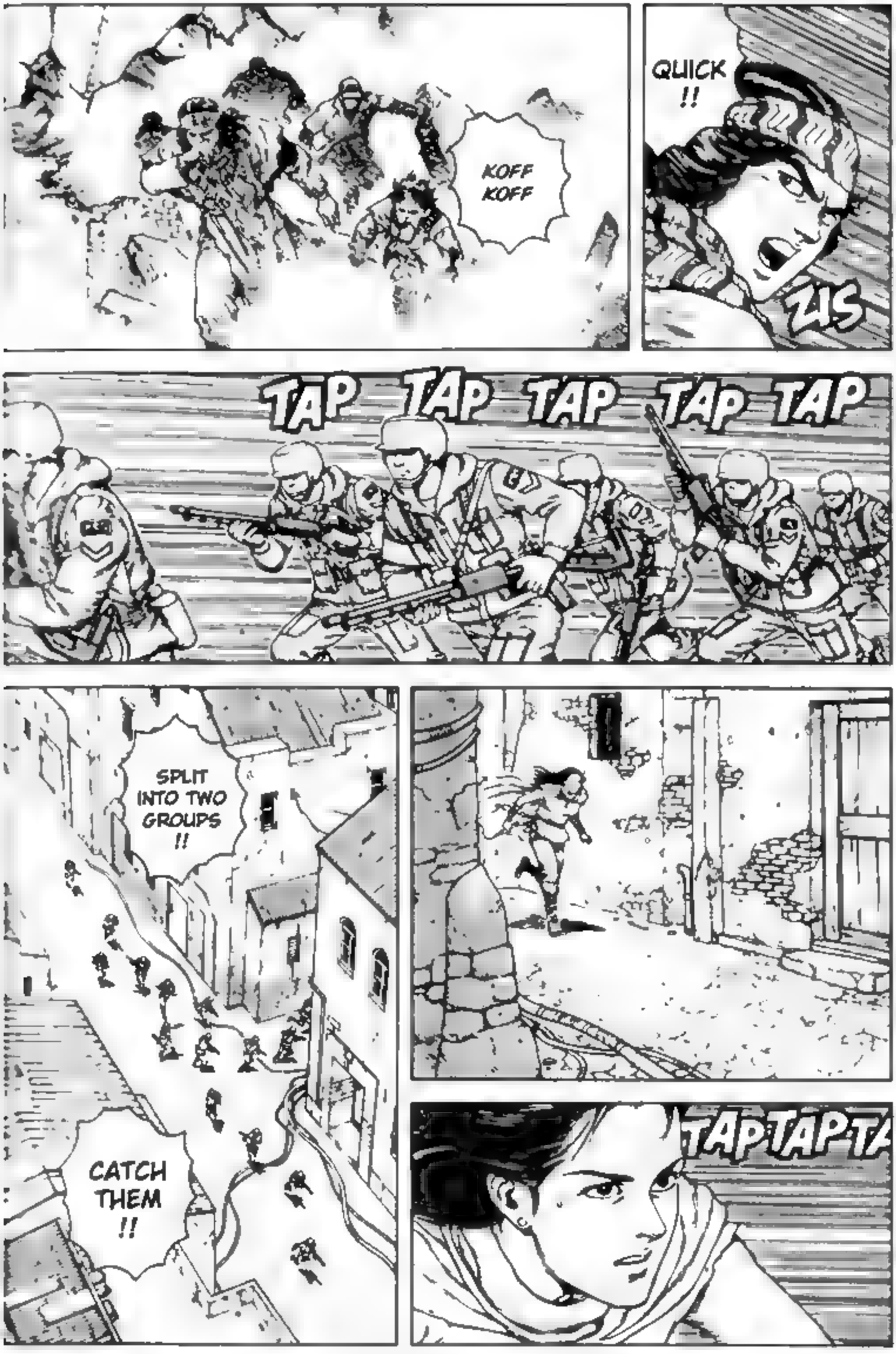
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE ?!

IT CAME FROM THE THEATRE !!
SOMEONE GO CHECK IT OUT!
THE ORDERS ARE TO NOT MOVE !!
LET'S GO!!

IT'S THE "HARATO" !!
MM
MM
BLA
BLA
MM
THEY SHOULD'VE BEEN CAUGHT !
HARATO
BOOM
OH, THE THEATRE !!


KOFF
KOFF
QUICK
!!
ZIS
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
SPLIT
INTO TWO
GROUPS
!!
CATCH
THEM
!!
TAPTAPTA

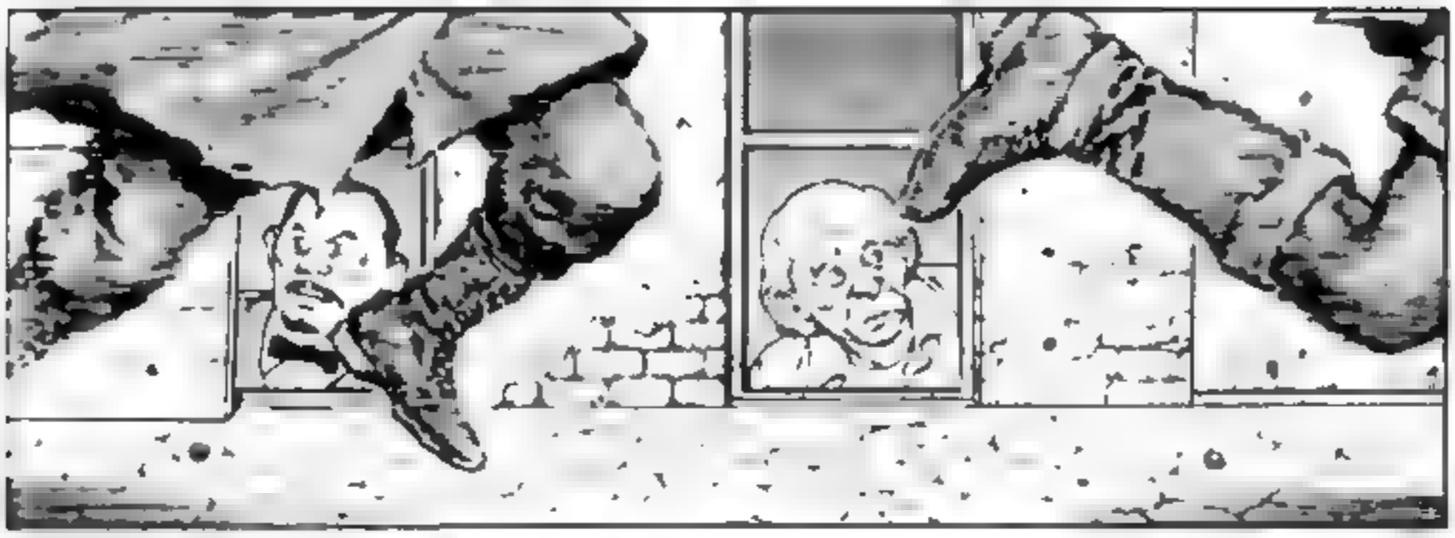
TAP
TAP
TAP TAP TAP TAP

HERE THEY ARE !!
TAP
TAP
!
FIRE!
BRRRRRT
OWW !!
SPAK
DARU!

BRRRT
TAP TAP
SPAK
SPAK
MORDON, HURRY UP!!
BRRRRT
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
TAP TAP

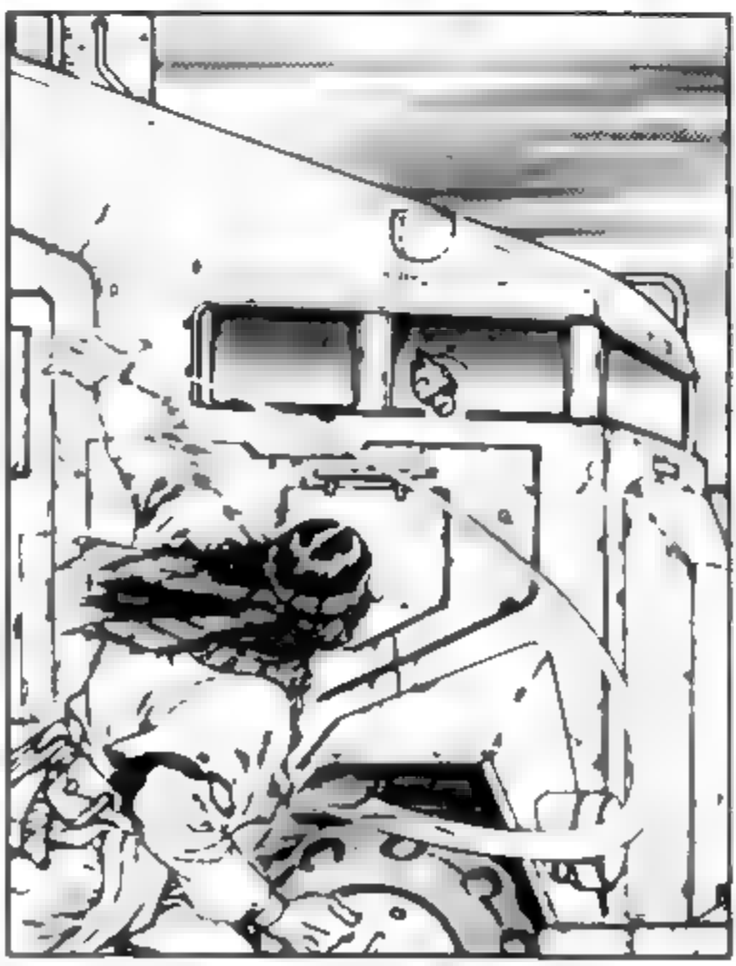
THERE WERE SHOTS FIRED ?!
HAS THE WAR BEGUN AGAIN?
MMM
SOB ...
BRRRT
!
THE WALL IS 200 METERS AWAY FROM HERE!
WE HAVE TO RUN AS FAST AS POSSIBLE !!
BRRRT

GO!!
ZISH
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
FIRE
!!
BRRRRRT

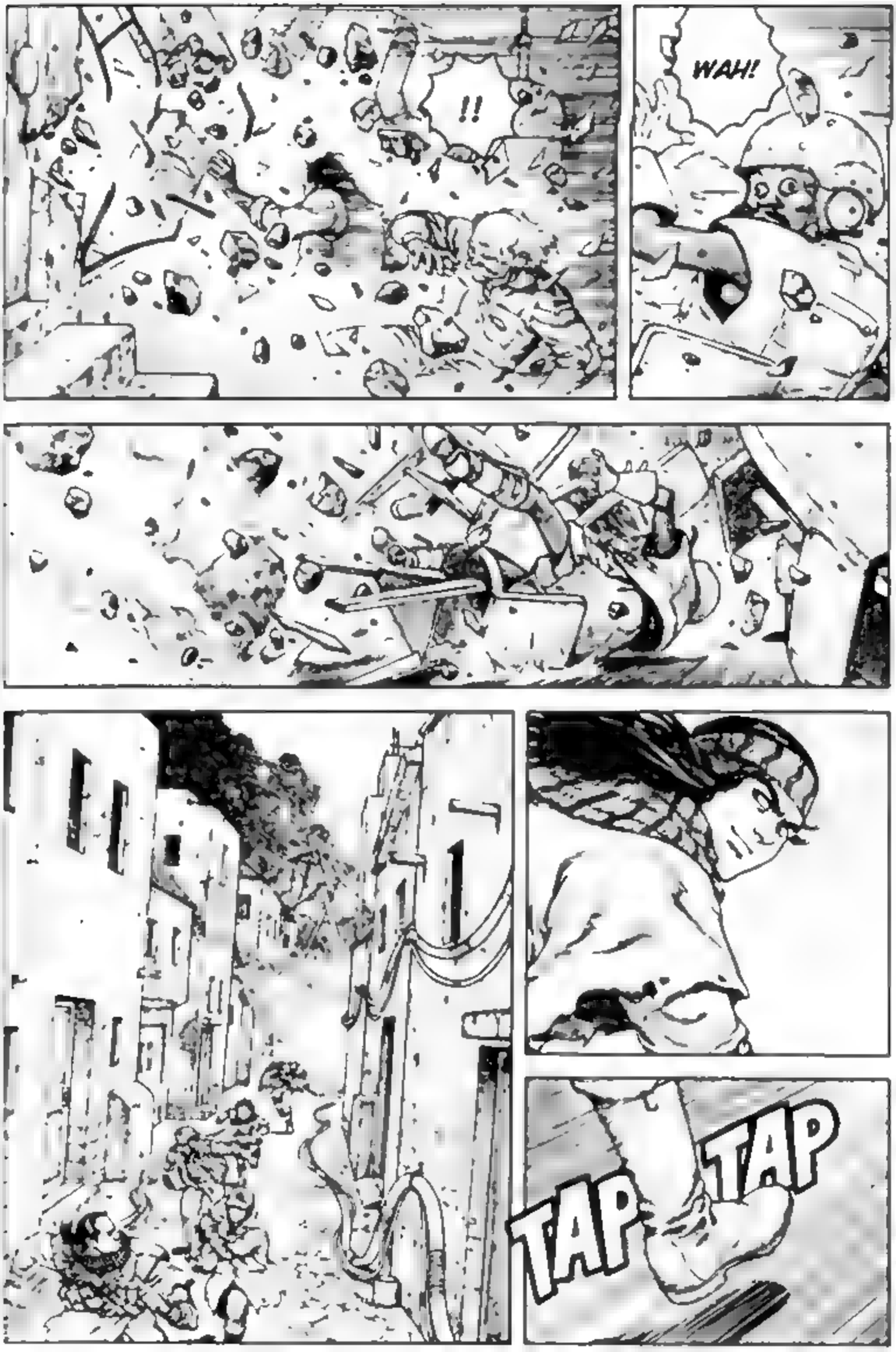


THEY MUST NOT ESCAPE!
TAP TAP

CHAK



SKRAASH
TAP TAP
TUMP
BKOOM
AAAH


!!
WAH!
TAP
TAP

TAP TAP TAP TAP
TAP
ZIS

DARU, GRAB MY HAND !!
ZUSH
HOP !!
TAP
TASUKO !!
WHUD
ZISH

ZISH

TSUMURI, HURRY UP !!

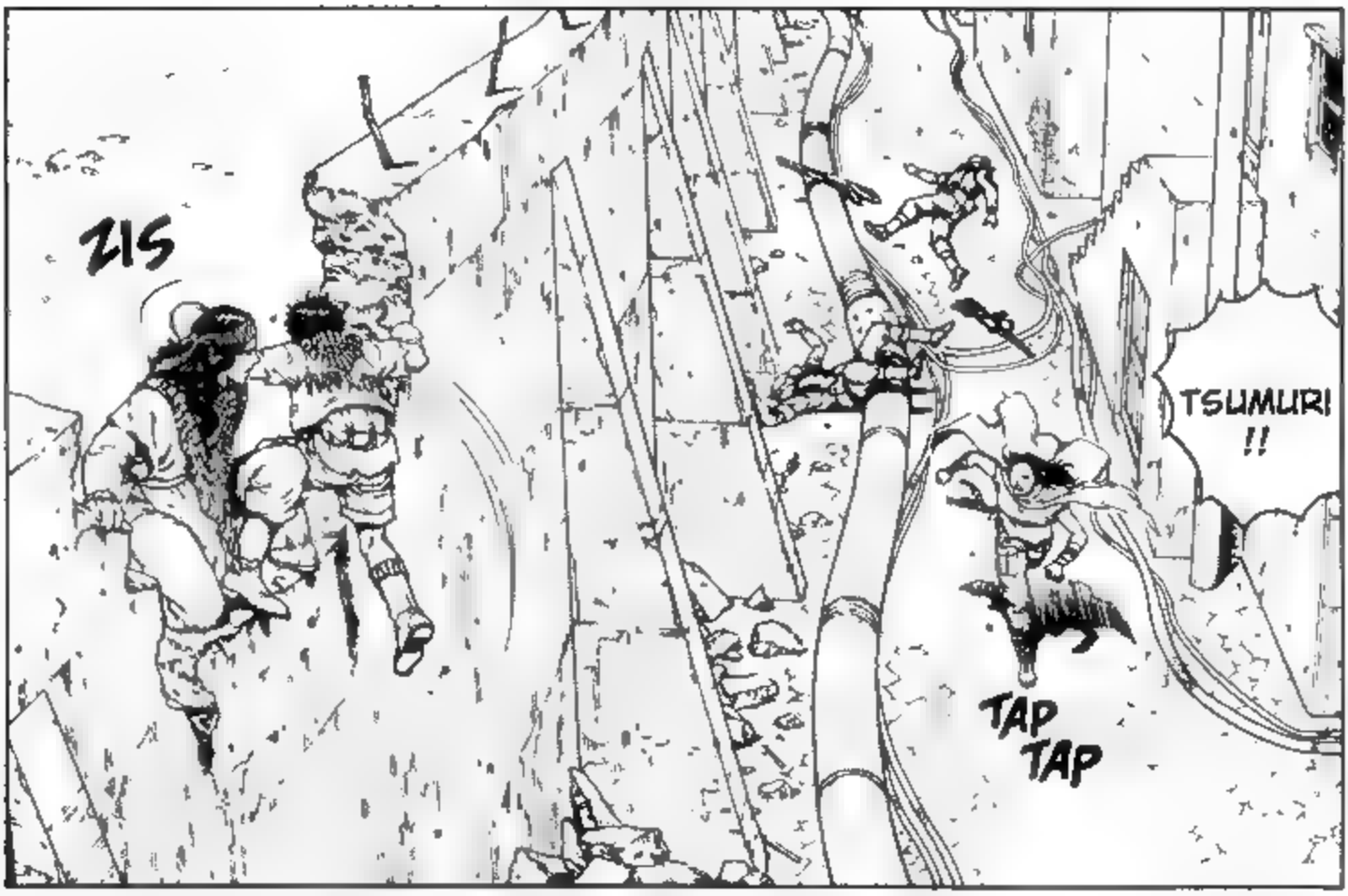
TAP

TAP
TAP TAP

THEY'RE TRAPPED !!
TAP TAP
STOP !!
!
OH!
KCHAK

TSUMURI, GIVE ME YOUR HAND !!
!
TAP TAP
DON'T MOVE !!
!
WAH !!
WHUP

!!
WHSHH
WHDD
KRAK
SHIT
!!
WHUD

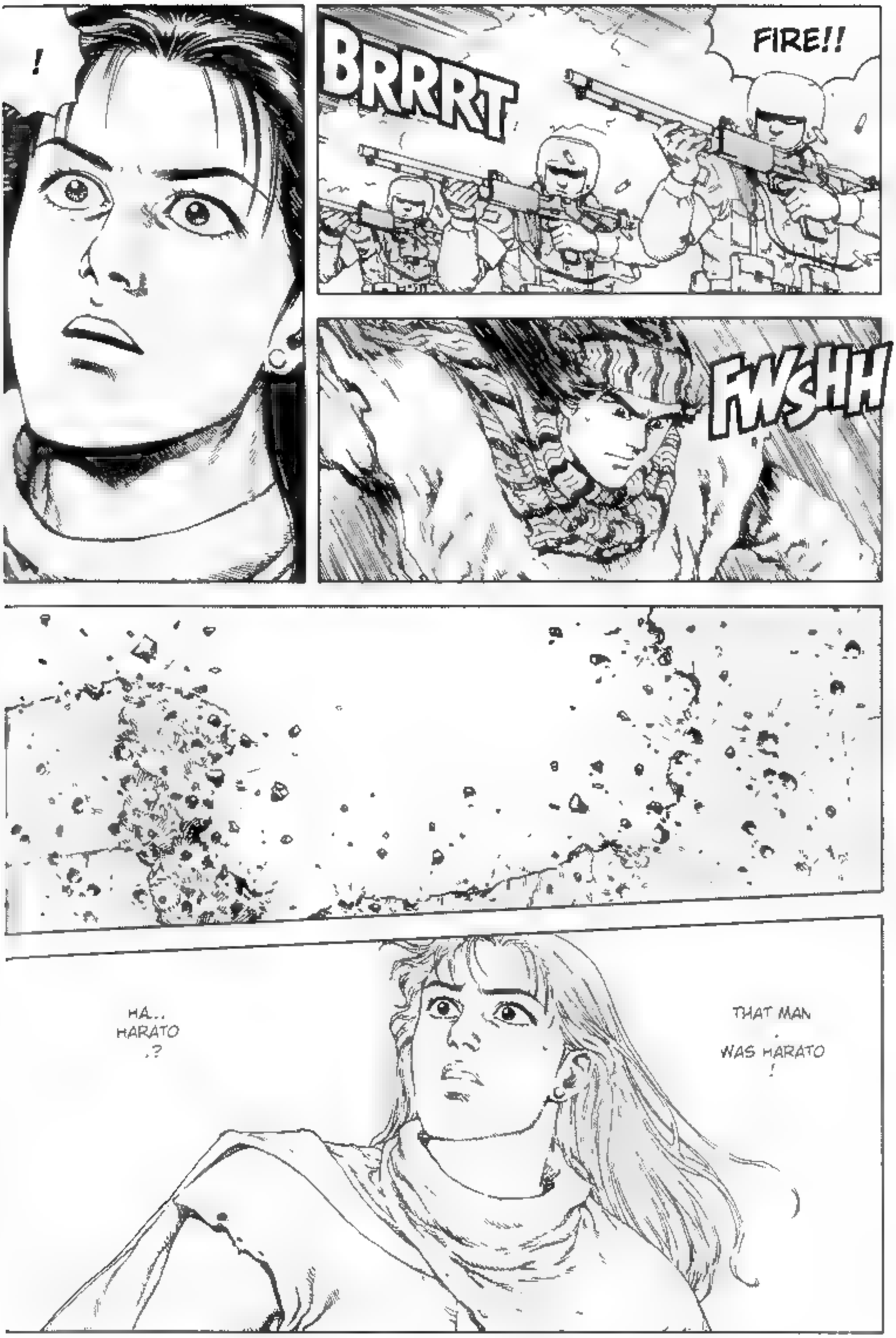

ZIS
TSUMURI !!
TAP TAP

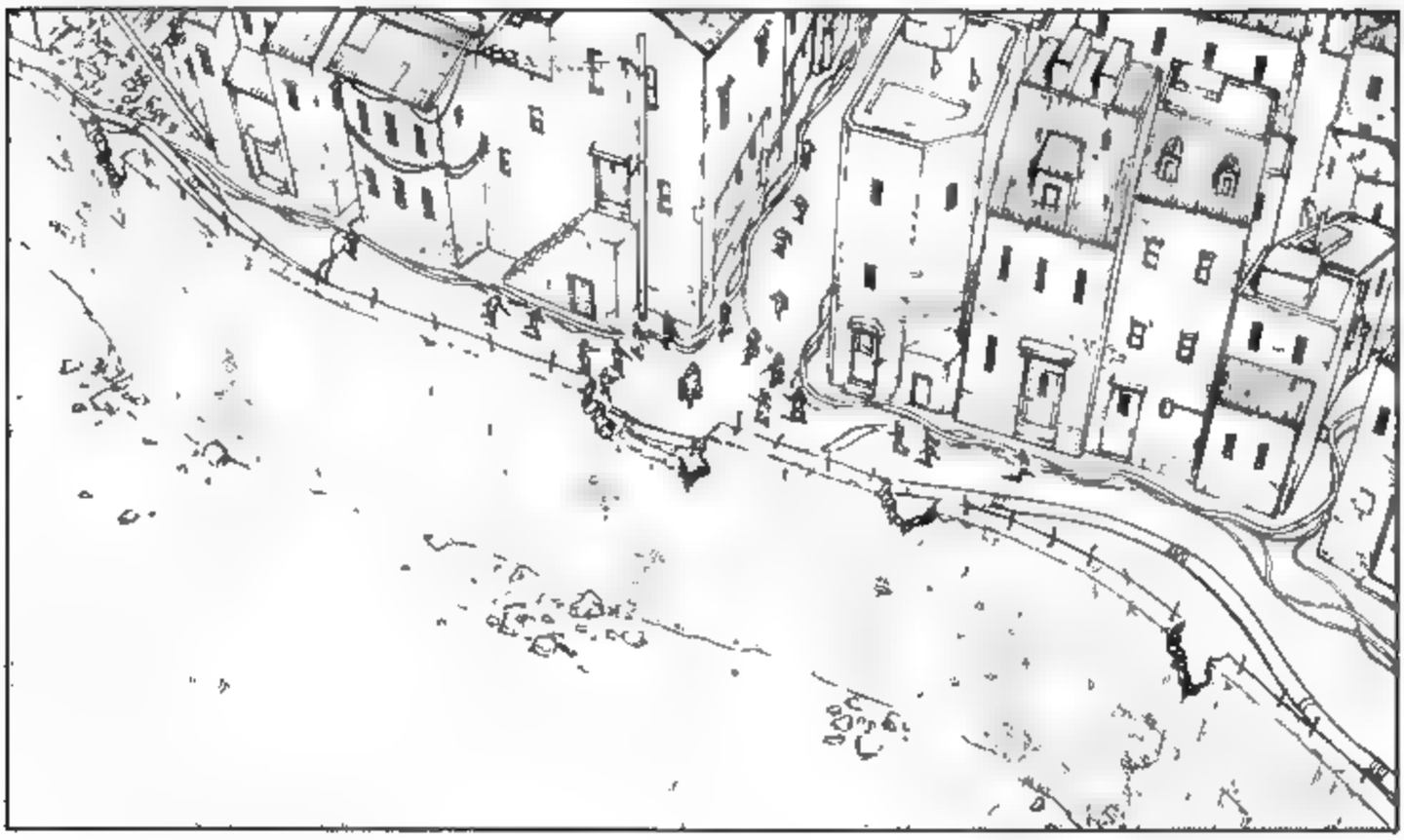
IT'S ME, TSUMURI !
I'M YOUR MOTHER !!

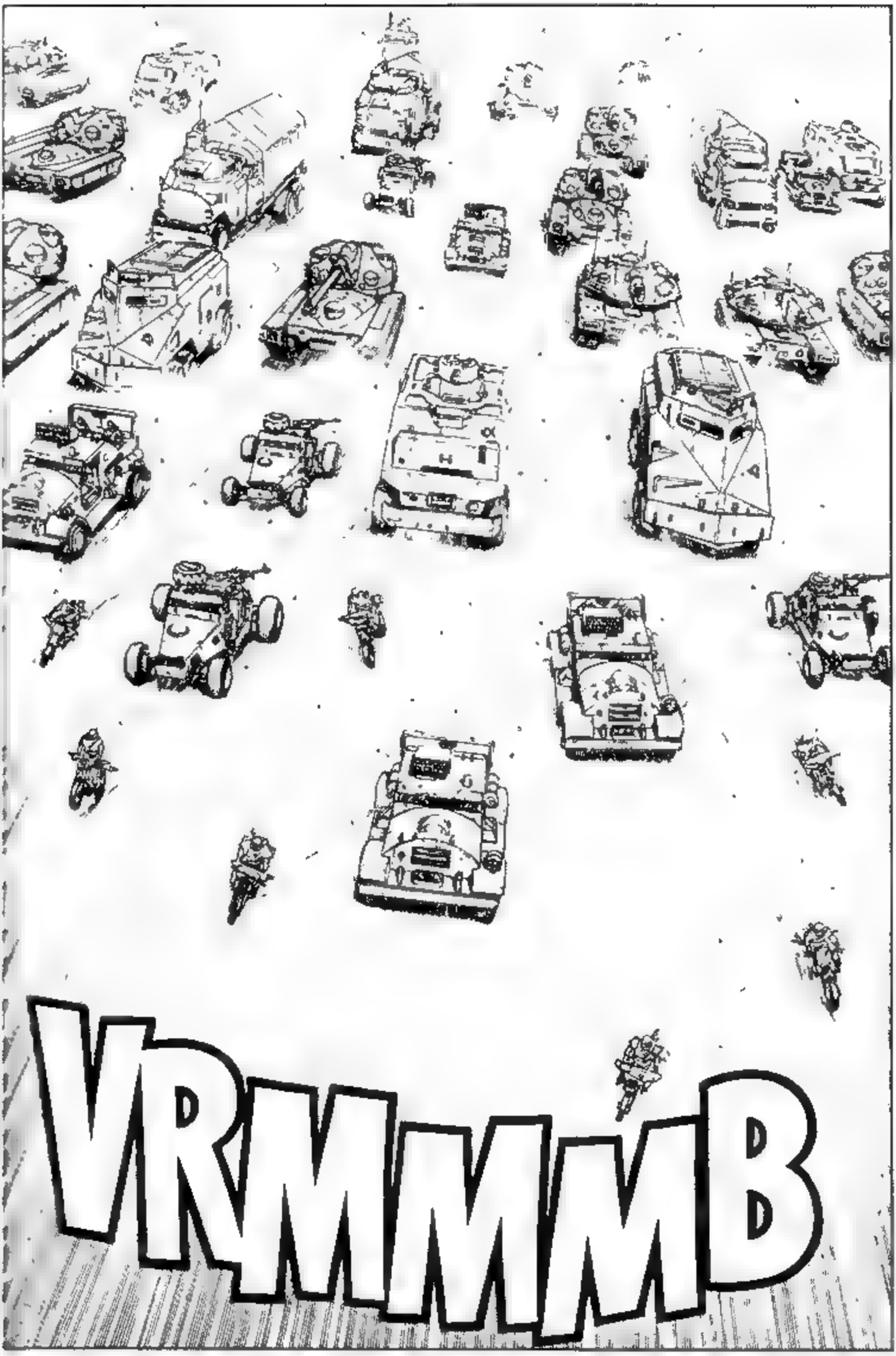
?!

?!
QUICK, WE HAVE TO RUN AWAY !!
TSUMURI, WAIT, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU...
OH!
ZRISH
SPAK
!!
THEY'RE HERE
TAP TAP TAP
WE'VE GOT THEM !!

WHSHH
WHUD
...
...
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, HARATO ?!


!
BRRRT
FIRE!!
FWSHH
HA..
HARATO
.?
THAT MAN
.
WAS HARATO
!



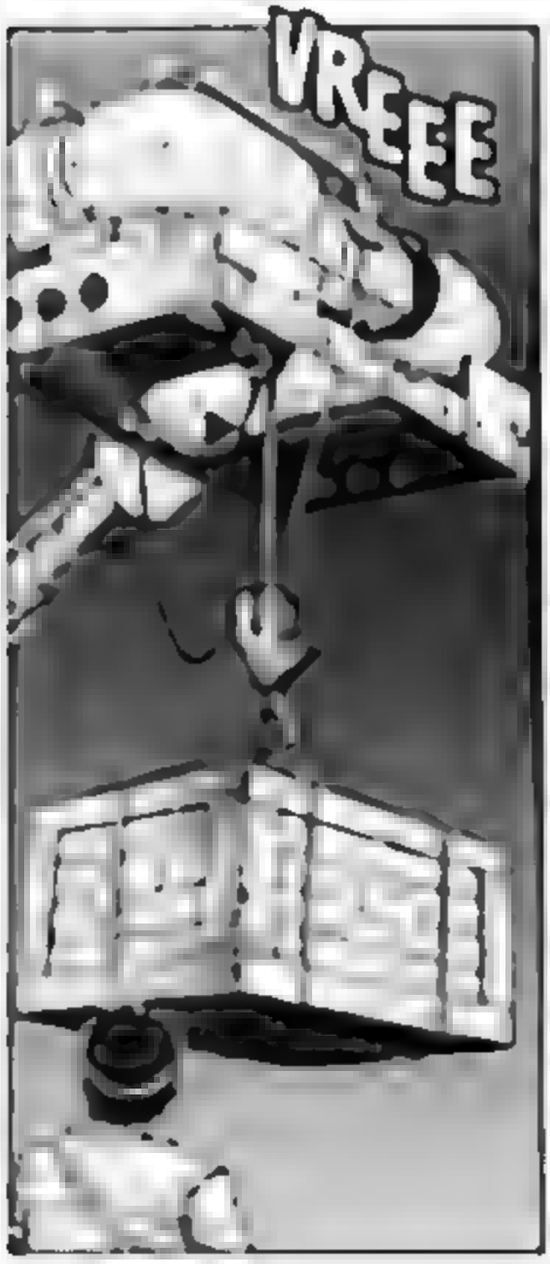

VRMMMB

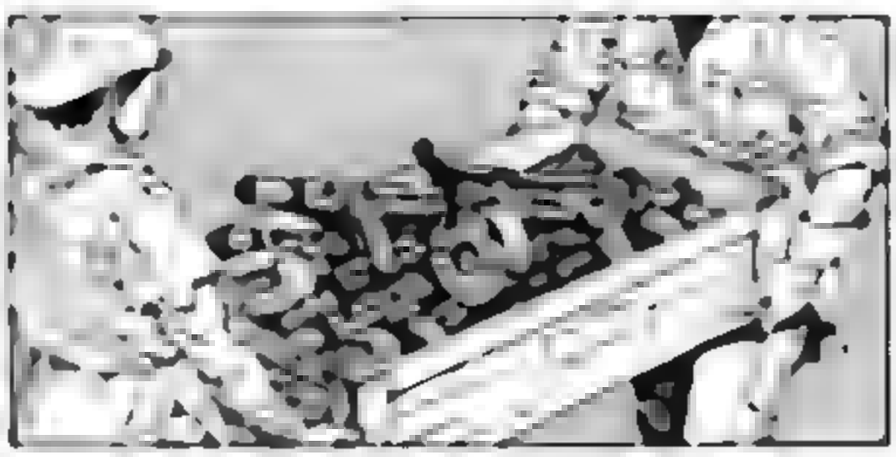
AAAH
HANG ON !!
SHIT !!
AAGH ...
IT HURTS ...!
PFF, BECAUSE OF THAT IDIOT ...!
VRMMMMB

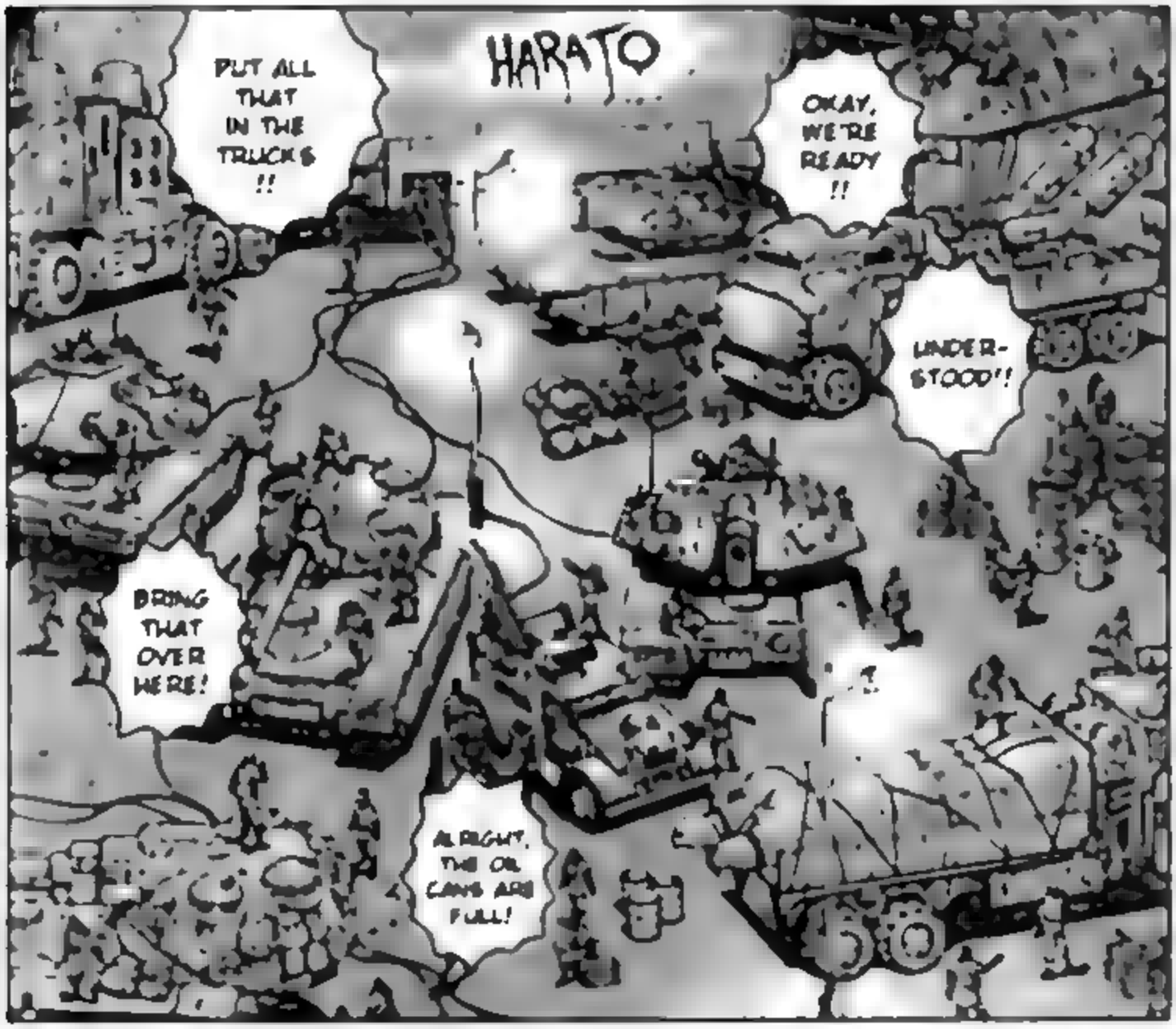
...
THAT WOMAN ...
SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE WAS MY MOTHER... BUT...

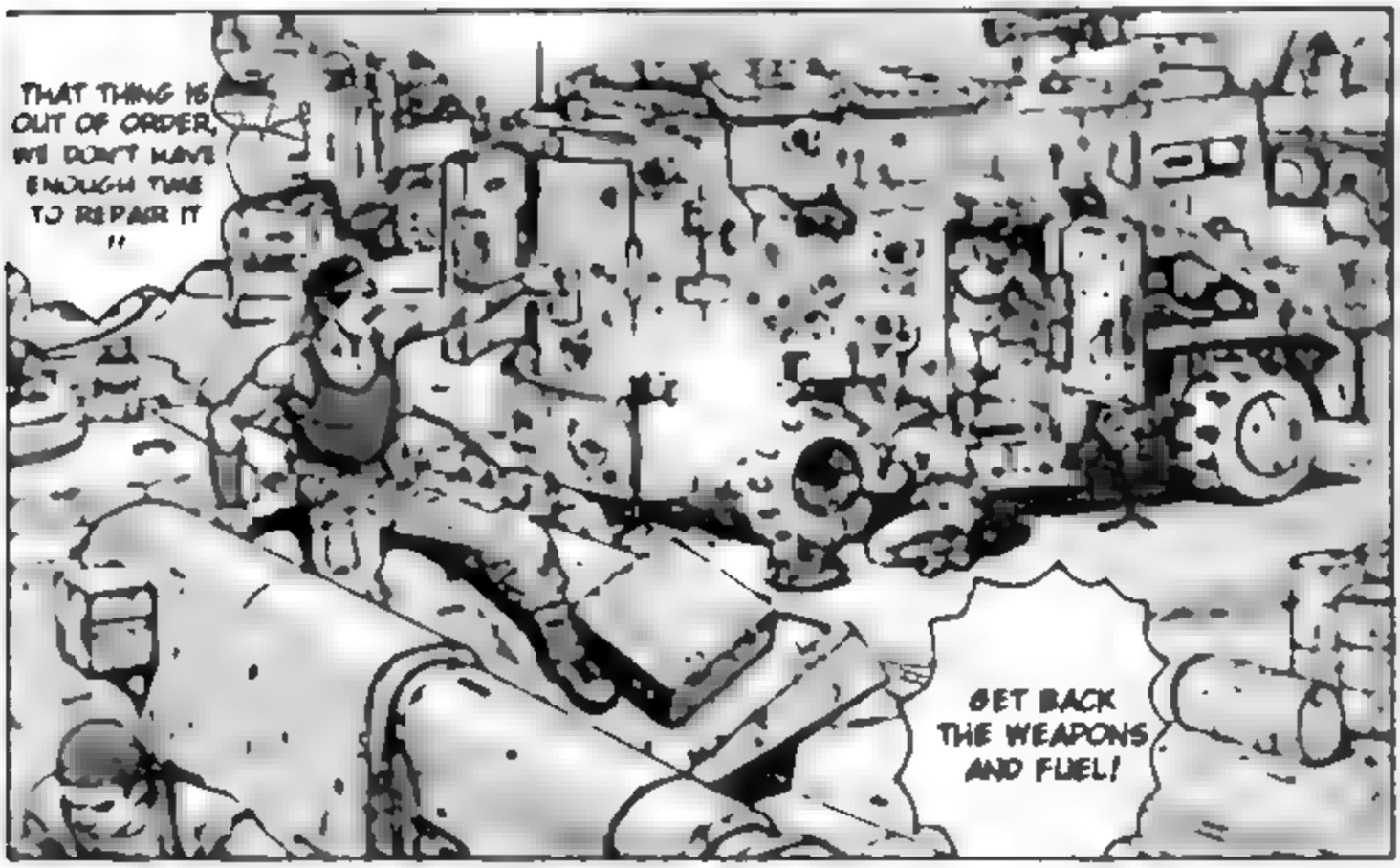
ZRISH
WALK !!
OOOWW ...
ZLSH

OOOH!
OH...
NO...
ALL THAT BELONGS TO ME ...
FWUOOSH
...IS BURNING!

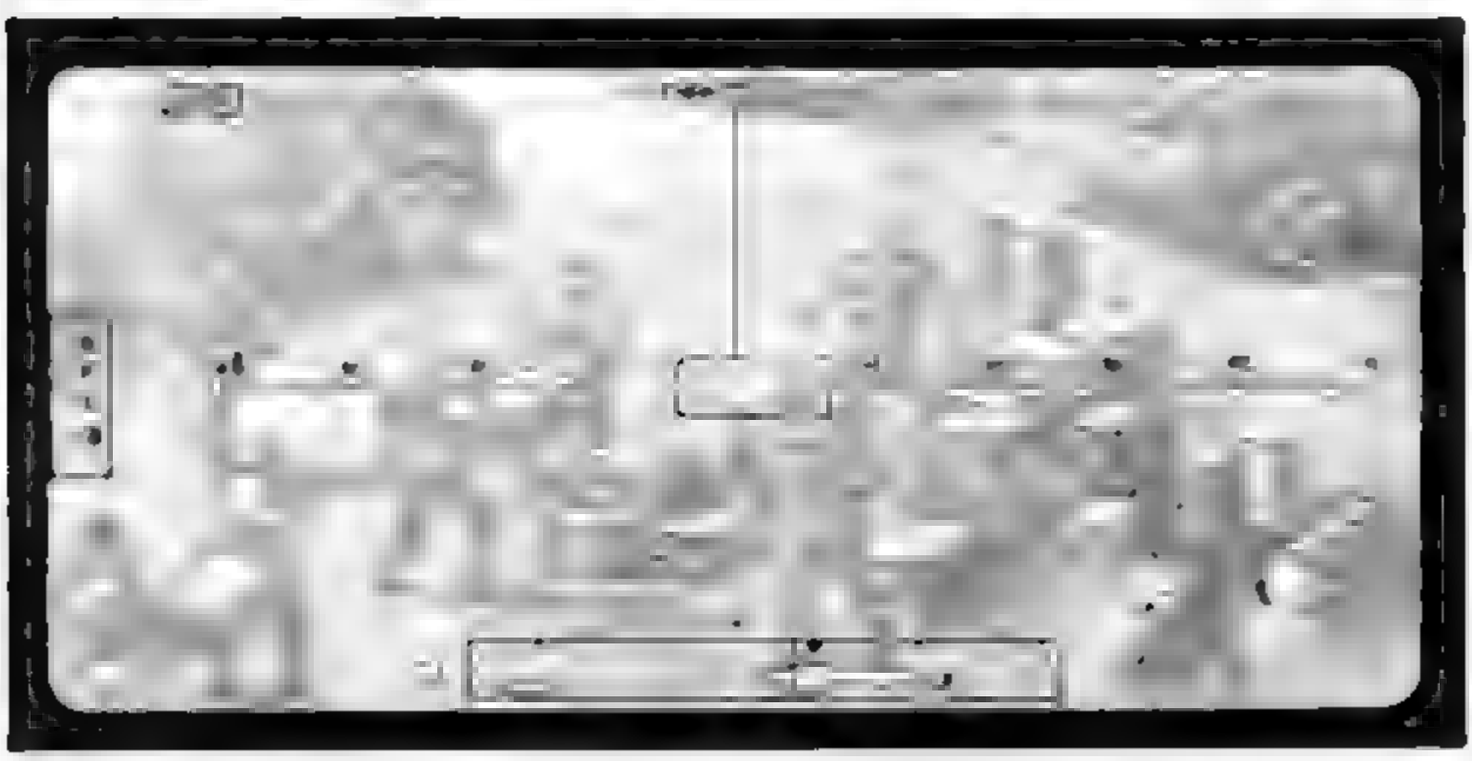

VREEE




HARATO
PUT ALL THAT IN THE TRUCKS !!
OKAY, WE'RE READY !!
UNDER-STOOD!!
BRING THAT OVER HERE!
ALRIGHT, THE OIL CANS ARE FULL!


THAT THING IS OUT OF ORDER, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO REPAIR IT !!
GET BACK THE WEAPONS AND FUEL!

WHERE'S THE BOX I PUT HERE ?



AH, I'M FED UP. WE ALWAYS MOVE FROM ONE DESERT TO ANOTHER. WHAT A DRAG!
CHK

LET'S GO BACK TO THE HEAD-QUARTERS'
OKAY'
ZAS
THE WOMAN ..
YES .
THAT WOMAN WHO PUSHED THAT MOTHER EARTH SOLDIER WHEN WE RAN AWAY .
YES, BUT .

THAT WOMAN ...
HER FATE WORRIES ME I MUST KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER.
YOU'RE GOING TO SEE !
UNDER-STOOD
BUT, WHO IS SHE?
TAP
TAP
HARATO, WE HAVE TO TALK! ..
TAP
TAP
TAP

NOW, GO
ZRUSH
HASH
...
WHDD
WHDD

TSUMURI IS GOING TO THE TOWN, ISN'T HE?
CLAC
CLAC
WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO? WHY DID YOU SEND HIM THERE?
HMM?
ABOUT THE GRENADE
WE WEREN'T READY FOR THAT
DARU WAS SHOT BECAUSE OF THAT!
HE'S NOT DEAD!
I JUDGED THAT THEY DIDN'T TAKE US SERIOUSLY!
...

EXPLAIN WHY YOU DID THAT!
WE AGREED ABOUT TALKING ABOUT THOSE KIND OF ACTS
I CHANGED MY MIND WHEN I WAS THERE
I WOULDN'T LIKE TO SIT IN THE SAME ARMCHAIR AS THOSE OLD ASSHOLES
BUT IF EVERY-ONE BEGAN TO ACT AS THEY LIKE ...
WE'D BE HEADING FOR DISASTER !!
WE MUSTN'T TAKE ANY USELESS RISKS!
HMM
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT!
KRAK
I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK WE'RE A BAND OF THIEVES WHO FEAR NEITHER GOD NOR MAN!
HARATO WE DON'T LIVE FOREVER...

DON'T TREAT US LIKE FLUNKIES !!
WE'RE ALL EQUAL HERE!
DO YOU THINK WE'LL IMPRESS THEM WITH OUR BOMB?
WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE IF THEY ATTACKED US PRESSED THE BUTTON?
TASUKO IS GOING TO EXPLAIN TO YOU ..
SO, TASUKO ?!
KCHAK
FLASH
SINCE YOU SEEM TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE THINKING ...
WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE IF THEY STOLE YOU THE REMOTE CONTROL?
...

THEY MUST FIND THE BOMB. FIRST.
TRUST ME THEY'RE GOING TO ATTACK!
BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE THEM SIGN THAT PEACE TREATY!!
PFF I DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE ANYMORE.
WHO WOULD BELIEVE IN A PIECE OF PAPER?
SO. WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO?
KCHK
FIRST, I'LL HAVE SOME FUN.
WITH OUR TOY!
KCHAK
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU DO THINGS.

LIKE YOU, MORDUN?
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE
FAR FROM IT..!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A FIGHT WITH ME ?
NO NEED TO GO THAT FAR
OUR TIME WILL COME
KOUAK
WELL! AND ARE YOU GOING TO HELP HIM?
AND WITH WHAT?
WITH THAT ?

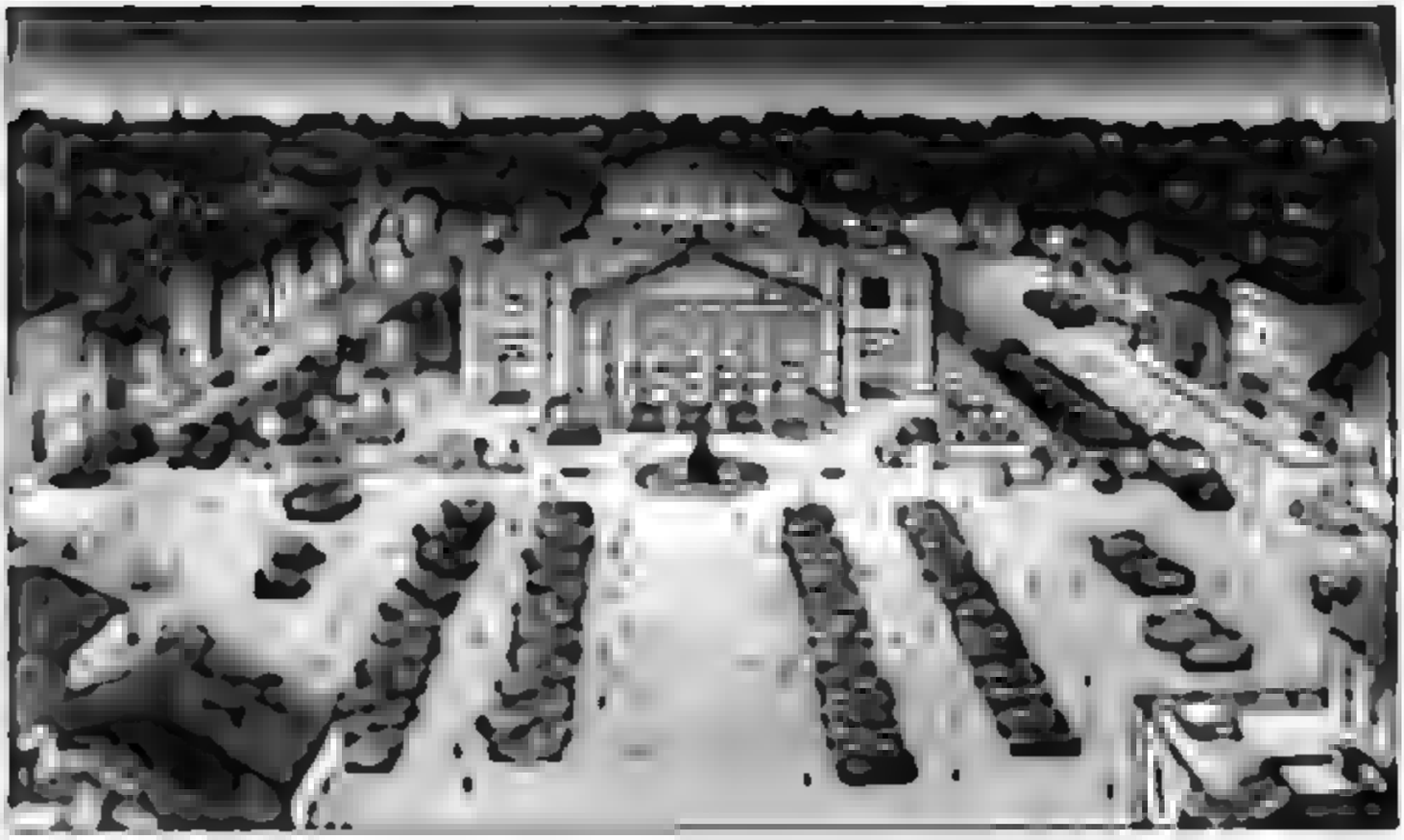
WA WA!!
ZISH
NOT NOW
YOU'LL SETTLE YOUR MATTERS IN FRONT OF EVERYONE!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE
FOR NOW WE HAVE TO HIDE IN THE MOUNTAINS!

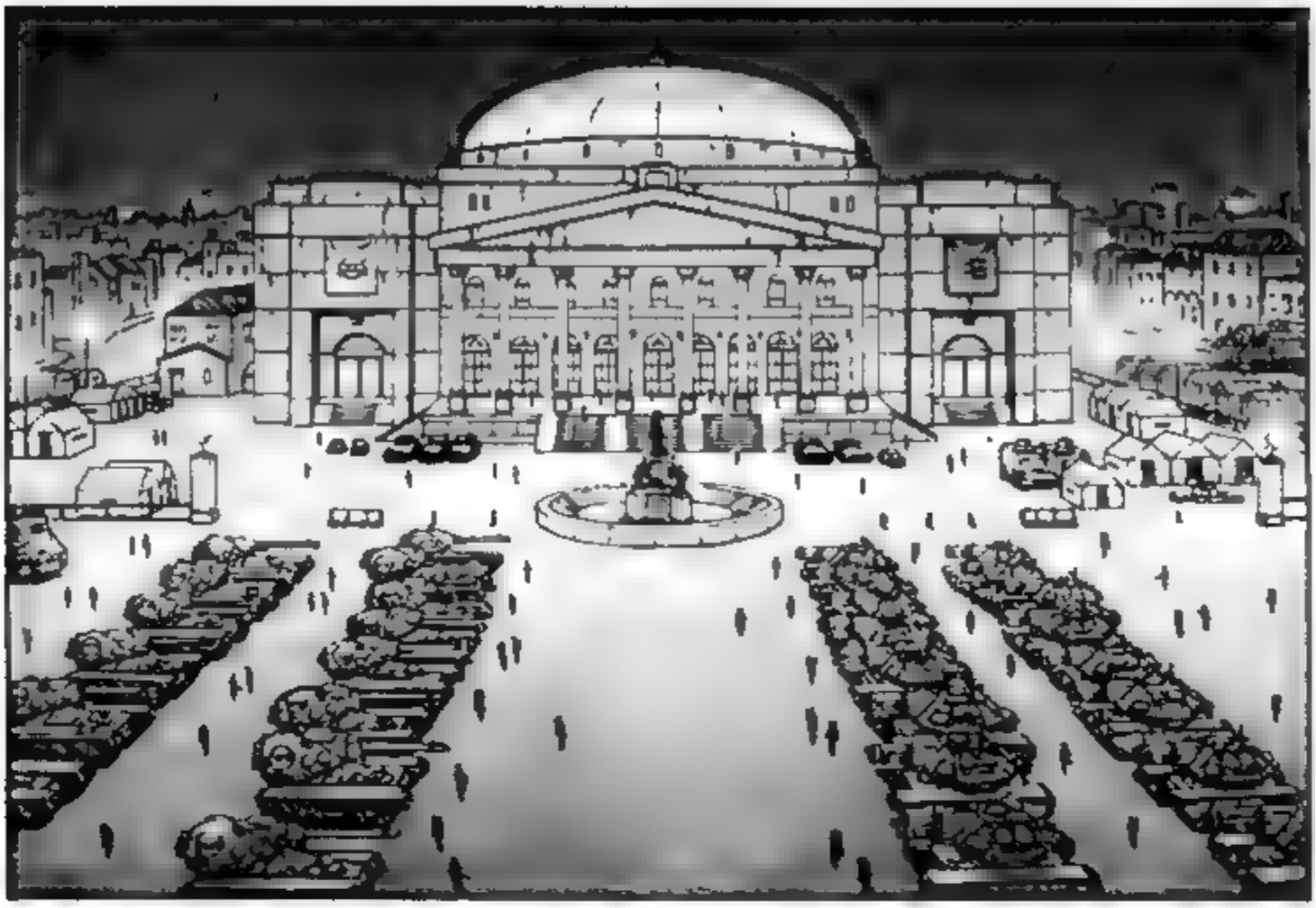
WELL . ALRIGHT!
CHOOSE THE PLACE AND THE DATE, MORDON!
ZRISH
THINK ABOUT ALL THAT, HARATO ..
IT WON'T BE A PLEASURE ...
I'LL ALWAYS BE IN YOUR SERVICE!

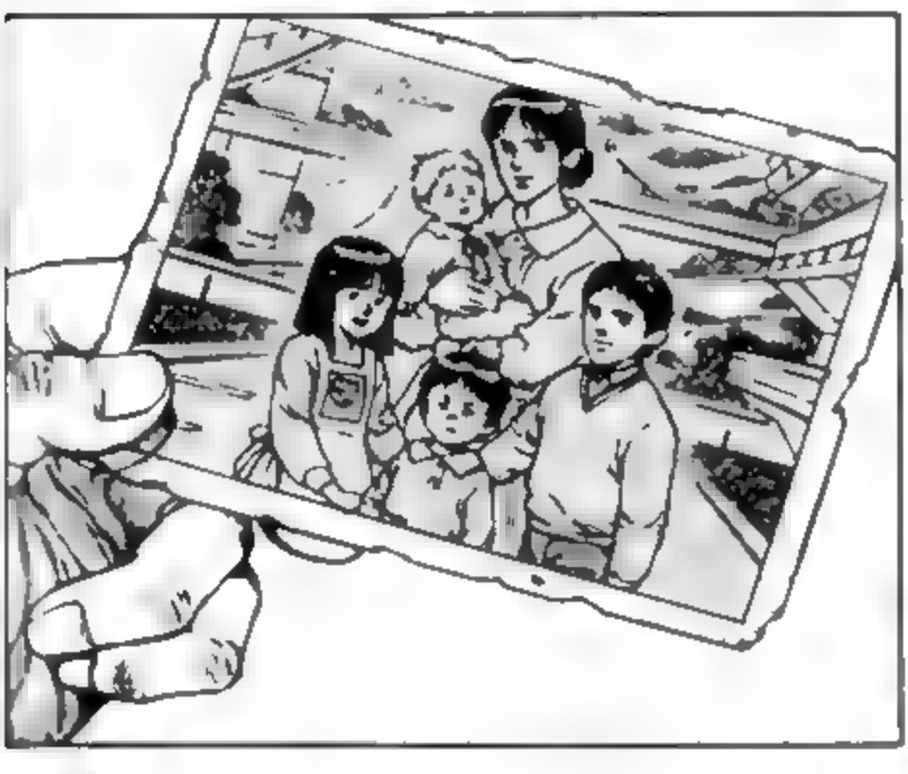
ONE DAY, YOUR LUCK WILL TURN!
TAP
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK.
!

TAP

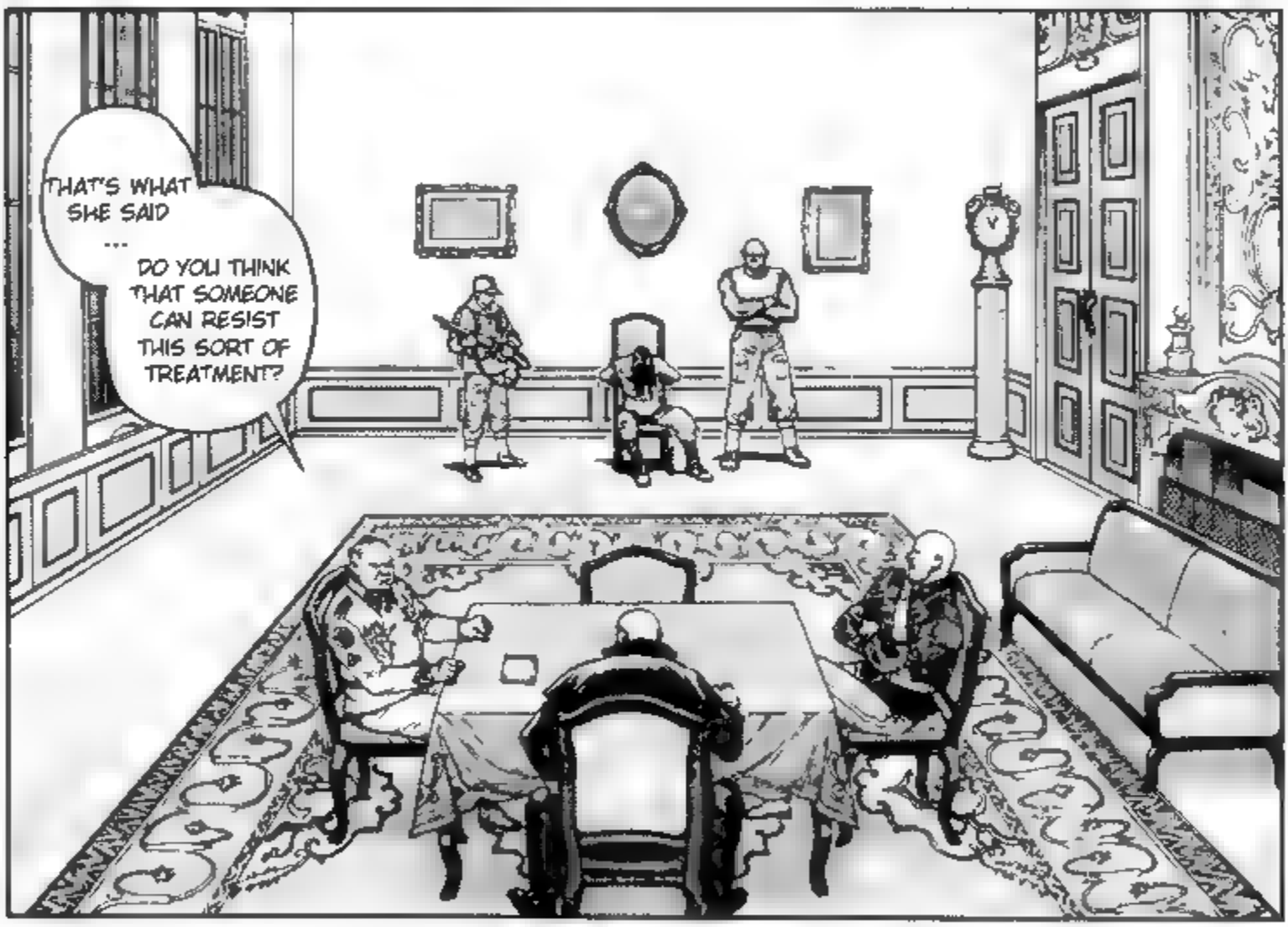
WISH
TAP
TAP
VRRMM
VMM
VMM
VMM
VRMMMMMMM
VRMM

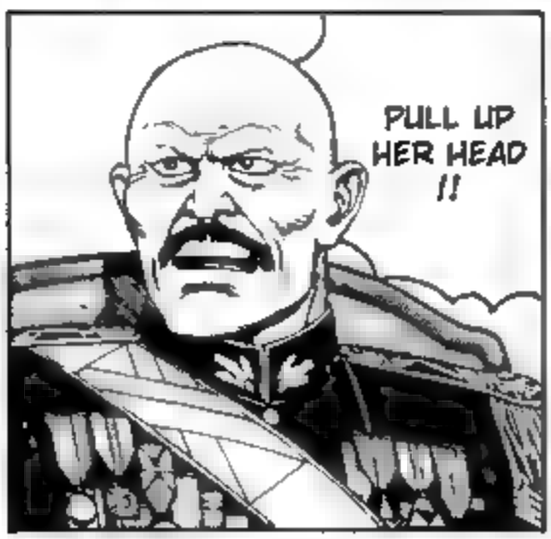






DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT SHE'S HARATO'S MOTHER?
ZIS


THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID
...
DO YOU THINK THAT SOMEONE CAN RESIST THIS SORT OF TREATMENT?

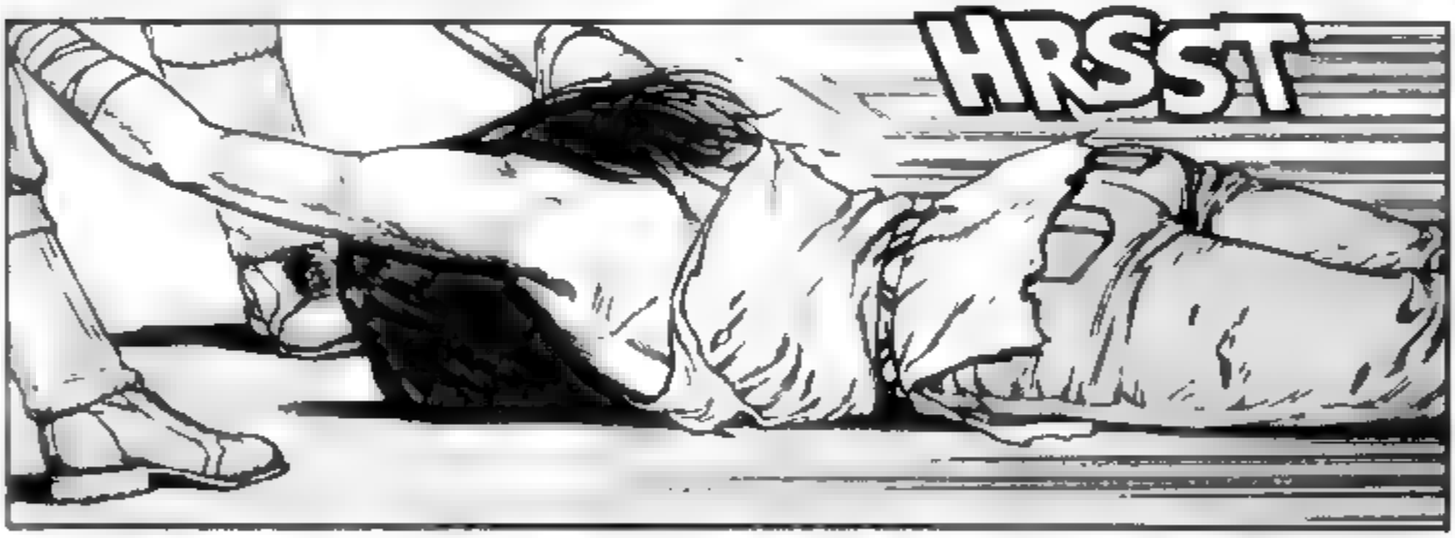

PULL UP HER HEAD !!

ZISH

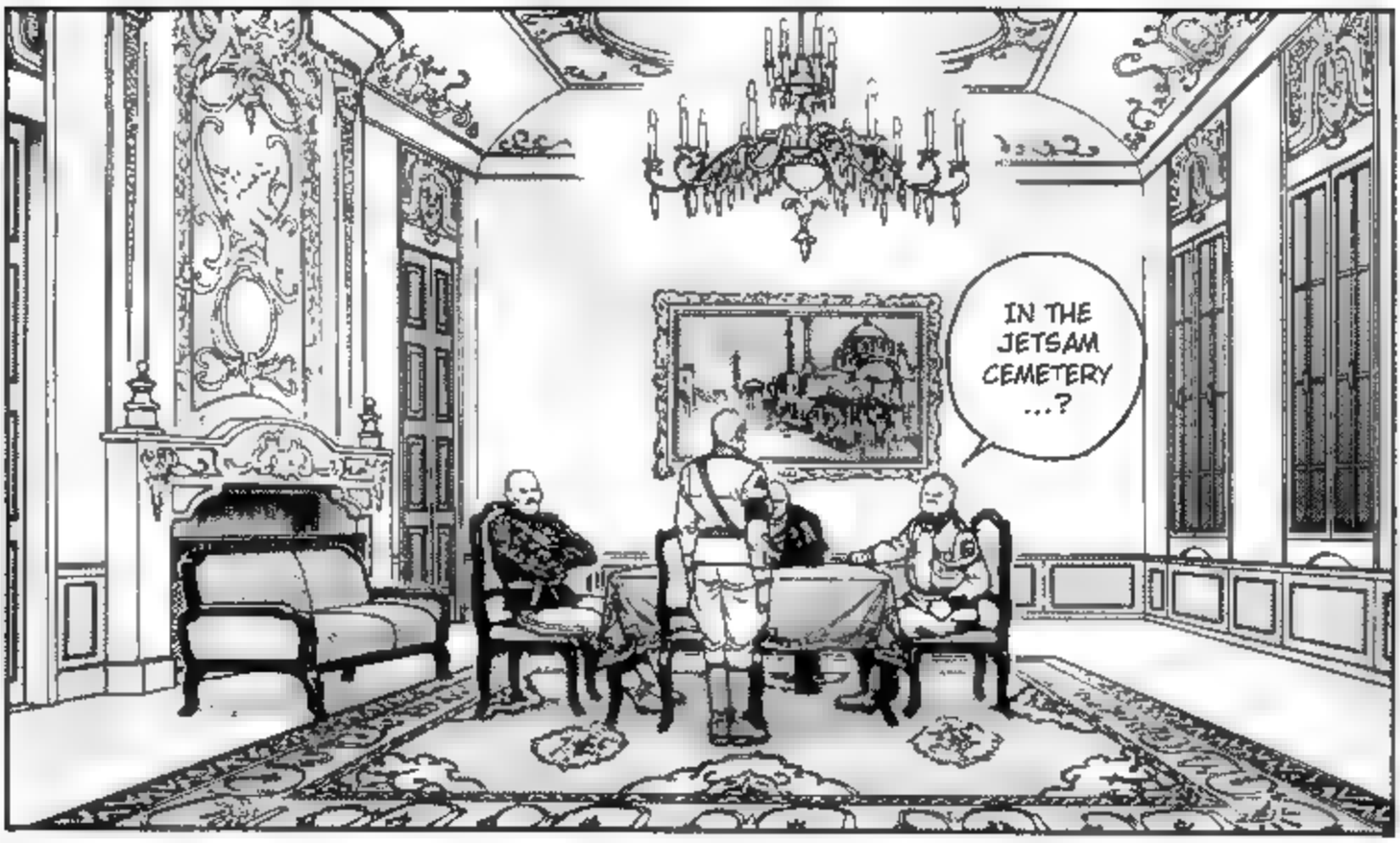
ZRISH
A LONG TIME AGO, I HEARD A STORY ABOUT A FEMALE WARRIOR..
SHE BECAME CONFUSED IN FRONT OF A CHILD'S FACE. HER MATERNAL INSTINCT KILLED HER...!
HMM ..

OUH ...
AAAH ...
WHDD
...
ANYWAYS, SHE'S IN OUR HANDS!
AND WE'RE GOING TO USE HER ...
BRING HER BACK TO HER CELL !!

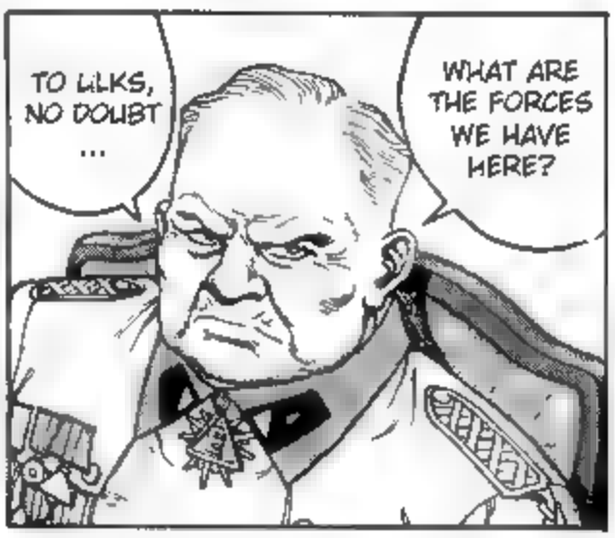
HRRSSH

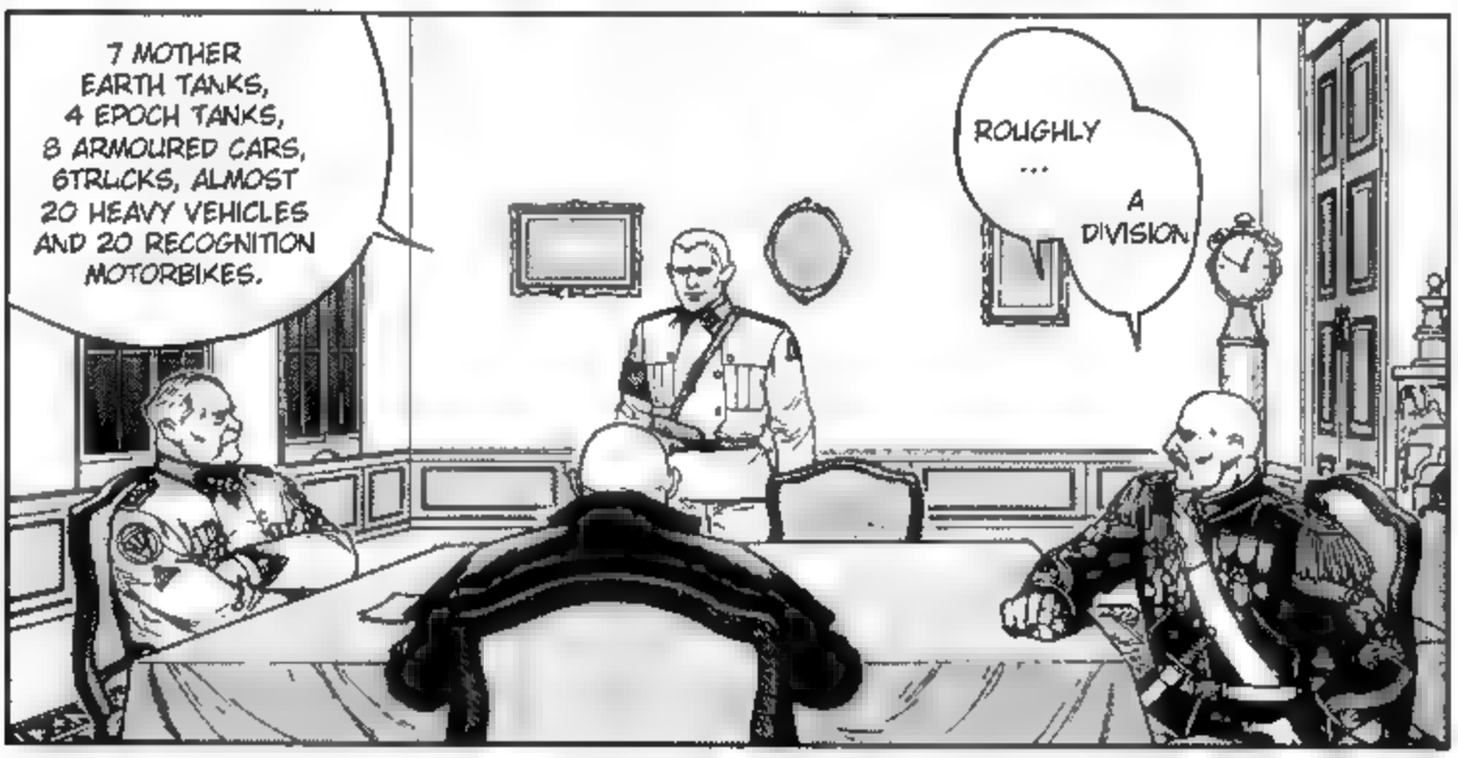

HRSST

COME IN!!
TOC
TOC


IN THE JETSAM CEMETERY ...?

YES, THEY'RE GOING TO LEAVE SOON, I THINK BY TOMORROW MORNING!


TO LILKS, NO DOUBT ...
WHAT ARE THE FORCES WE HAVE HERE?


7 MOTHER EARTH TANKS, 4 EPOCH TANKS, 8 ARMOURED CARS, 6TRUCKS, ALMOST 20 HEAVY VEHICLES AND 20 RECOGNITION MOTORBIKES.
ROUGHLY ... A DIVISION

WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEND A WHOLE TROOP IN REINFORCEMENT WITH SUPPLYING
... ONCE SOME DETAILS ARE SETTLED.
FIRST, WHAT WE HAVE TO CARE OF IS EPOCH 22 ...
FOR PEACE OR WAR ?
BUT WE STILL HAVE TO VERIFY THAT THIS BOMB EXISTS ...
... TO BE SURE THAT THEY REALLY HAVE IT IN THEIR HANDS AND WHAT THEY'RE READY TO DO USE IT.
AN INVESTIGATION WILL BE DONE WITH SOLDIERS OF BOTH ARMIES...
SOMETHING ELSE ...
I THINK SO!
THE DATA OF THE BOMB ARE STILL BEING EXAMINED!
IT MAY TAKE UNTIL TOMORROW !

BUT, IF EPOCH REALLY EXISTS ?
DO YOU REAL ZE HOW OUR TIGHT OUR MANEUVER MARGIN IS ...?
WHATEVER HAPPENS, THEY WON'T HAVE ANY PLACE IN OUR ASSEMBLY ...
AM I RIGHT, COMMANDER HAMED?
OF COURSE, TH EVES WON'T EVER HAVE ACCESS TO POSTERITY.
BUT, I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT EPOCH 22 ...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT!
WE'LL LET THE PRESIDENT DECIDE TO WHOM THAT BOMB BELONGS!
DO YOU AGREE, PRESIDENT ?
THANK YOU, GENERAL BATES!

THIS FIRST VICTORY OF THE "UNIFIED ARMY" WILL SEAL THE TREATY OF PEACE...
THOSE THIEVES ARE GOING TO SERVE US AFTER ALL!
GOOD IDEA ...
INDEED ...
WAH AHAH AHAH!

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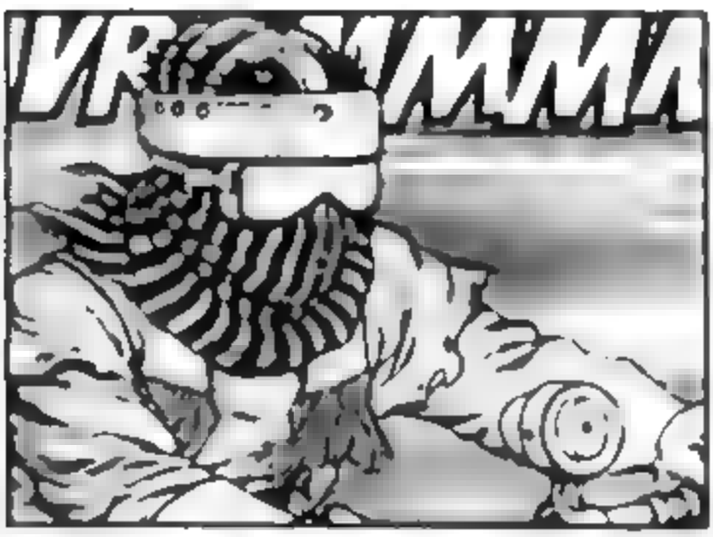
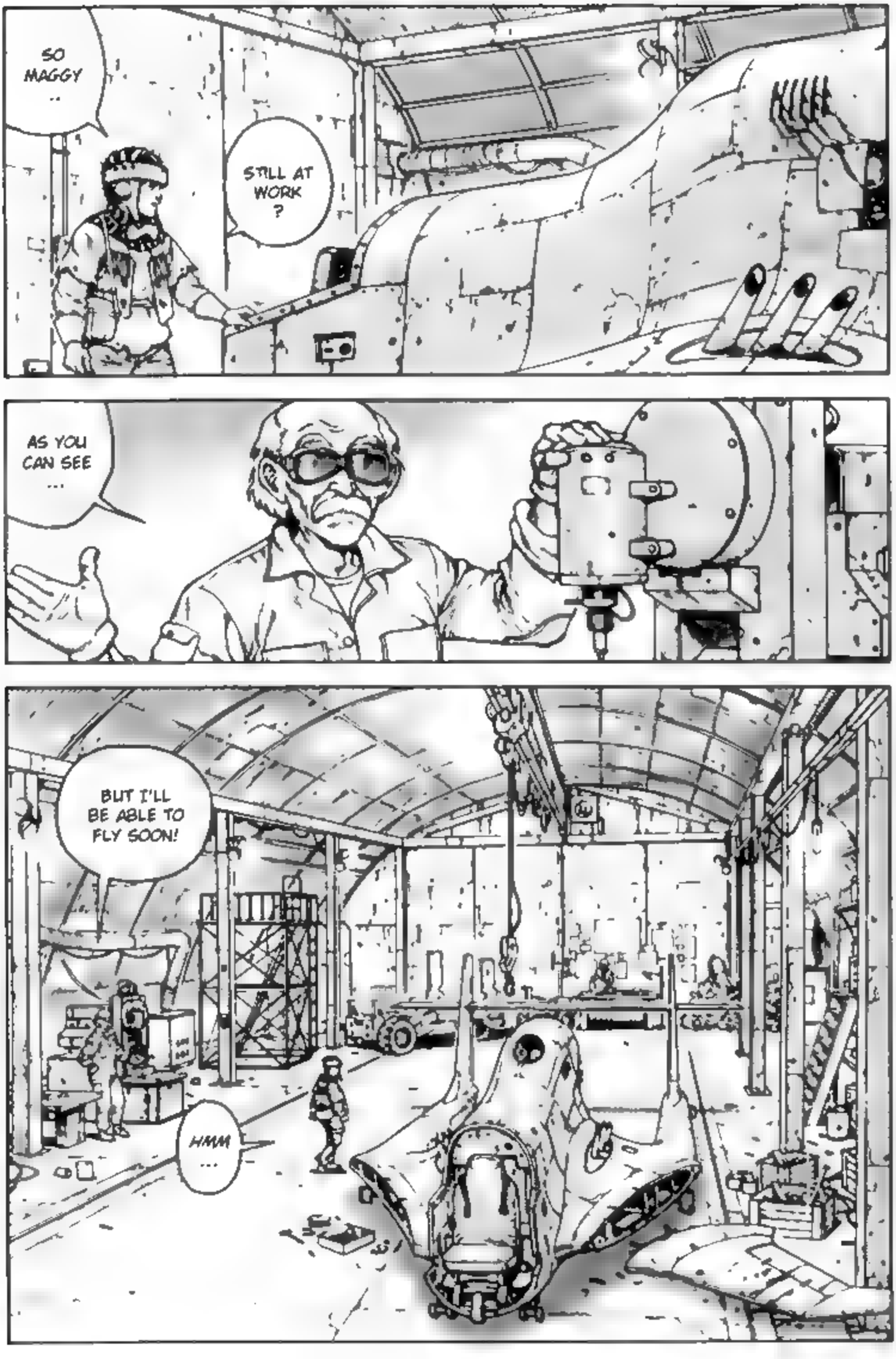
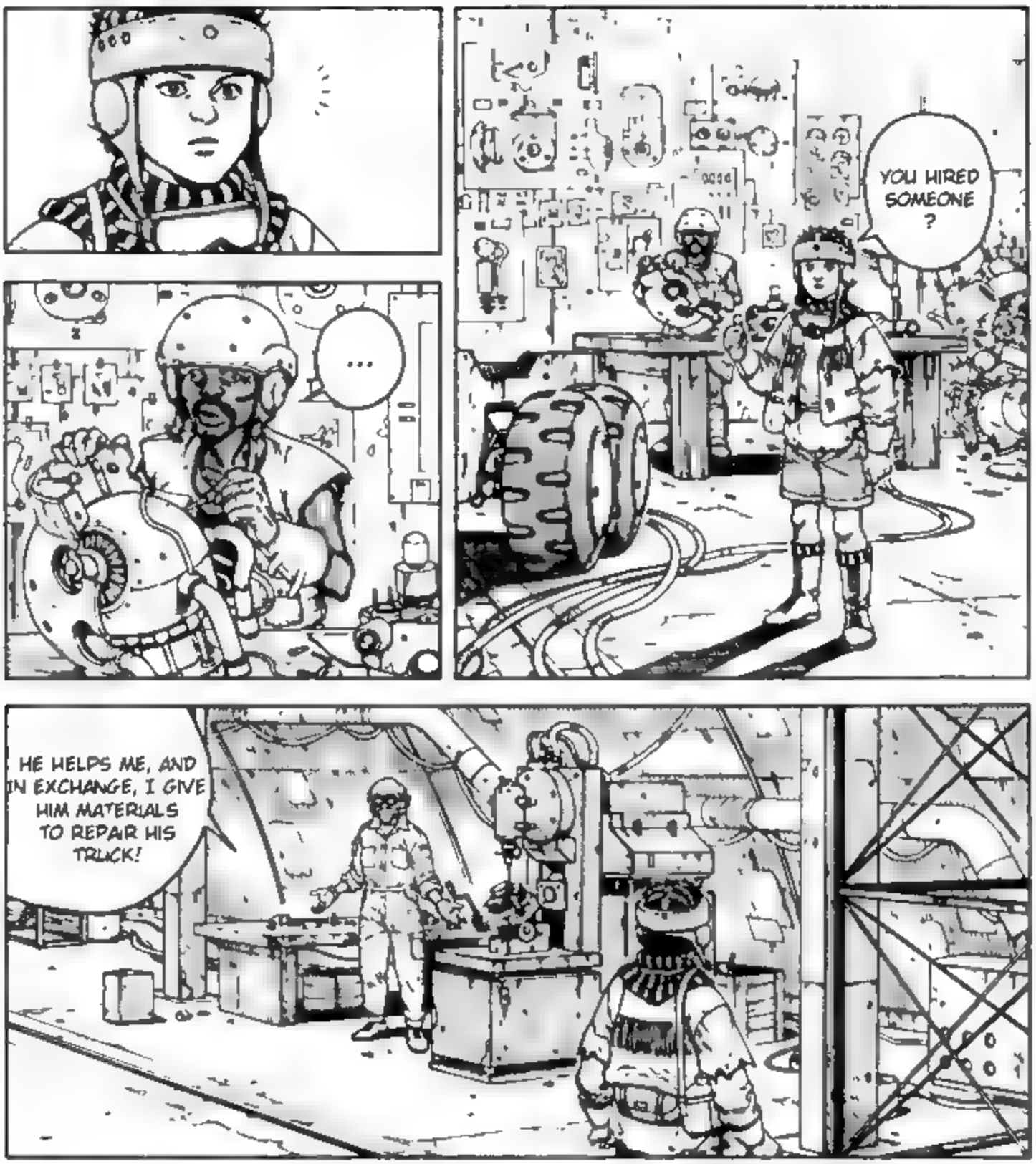

VRMMMM

VRMMM

SKREEE
SKREEE
CHK
CLANC
CHK
TAP
!
PHEW ...
FWD
FWD
TSUMURI ...?


SO MAGGY ..
STILL AT WORK ?
AS YOU CAN SEE ...
BUT I'LL BE ABLE TO FLY SOON!
HMM ...


...
YOU HIRED SOMEONE ?
...
HE HELPS ME, AND IN EXCHANGE, I GIVE HIM MATERIALS TO REPAIR HIS TRUCK!
PFF!
AND YOU ?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

I HAVE TO GO TO BYRON!
I CAME TO BRING SOME WATER!
WHOOSH
WHY'S THAT?
DID YOU ALREADY UNEARTH IT?
YES.
SCRIK
AND WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO WITH IT?
THEY'RE USING IT FOR BLACKMAIL FOR NOW ..
... I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW FAR THEY'RE READY TO GO!
HMM .
I HOPE THEY WON'T USE IT ..

YEAH, ME TOO, ANYWAY IT'S READY TO WORK..!
...
OKAY, NEXT TIME YOU MAKE YOUR PLANE FLY, CALL ME!
I'D LIKE TO TRY IT...
BE CAREFUL!
OKAY.
VMM VMM VMM

VMM
BYE!
VMM
VMM
VRMM
VRMMM
HE TOLD ME THAT HIS FATHER WAS AN AVIATOR AND THAT HE'D LIKE TO FLY TOO
ONE OF YOUR FANS ?
AHHH
THAT KID IS TSUMURI FROM THE "HARATO", I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE STAYS WITH THOSE GOOD FOR NOTHINGS!

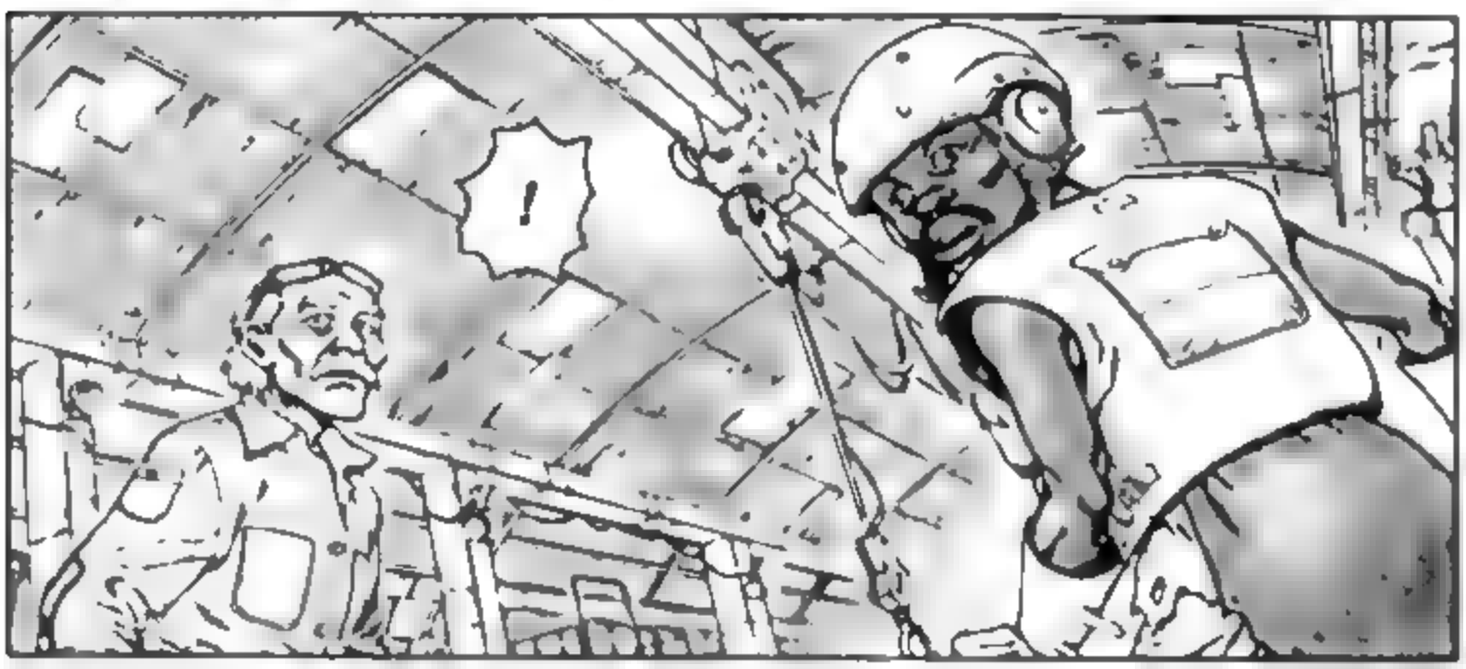
TSU.. TSUMURI ?!
IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID?
IT'S AMAZING HOW DIFFERENT TWO BROTHERS CAN BE ...
CLAC
WHAT? WAIT ...
SARAH NEVER TOLD ME THAT HER HUSBAND WAS AN AVIATOR.. WHY?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU ABOUT IT ...
THE WOMAN WHO WAS TRAVELLING WITH ME, LOOKING FOR HER SONS...!

VRMMM
?!

SKREEE
SKREEE
WELL, ISN'T THAT TSUMURI FROM THE "HARATO" ...
SKREEE

VRMMM
KCHAK
DON'T KILL HIM!
FWOOSH

BKOOM
AAAH!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WHAT'S THAT NOISE ?!
TUMP
OH!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
TAP TAP
IT'S EPOCH !!
TSUMURI HAS BEEN ARRESTED !!
THEY'RE COMING!
KREE KREE

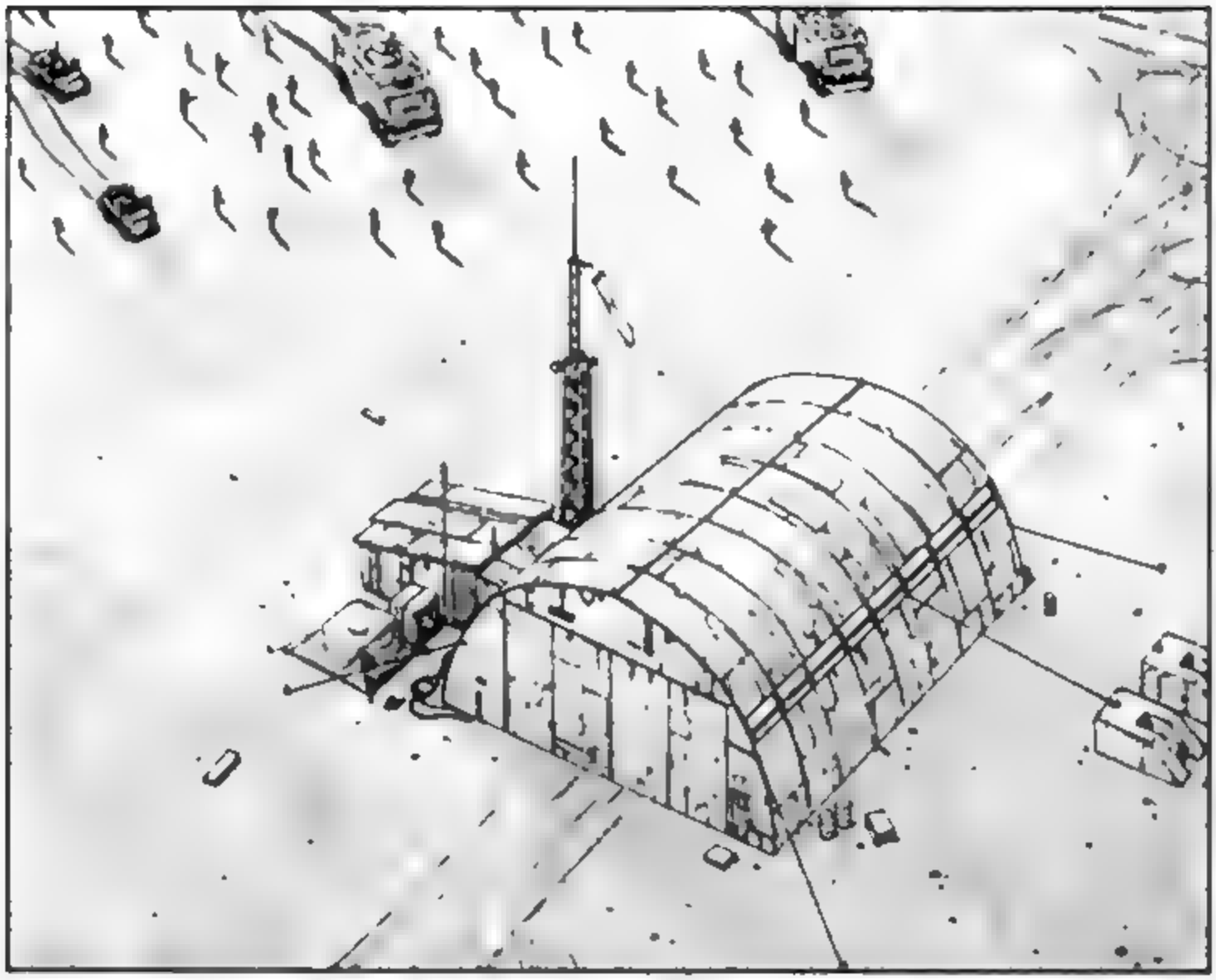
COME ON, HELP ME !!
TAP TAP
WHAT ?!
ZIS
RMMM
WHAT'S THAT THING ?!
RMMM

PUT SOME GASOLINE IN IT!
HURRY UP!!
RMMM
WHERE SHOULD I POUR ?
ZRISH

OUAAAAH ...

WHAT A MONSTER !!

OKAY, NOW POUR THE GASOLINE !!
HURRY !!
GLUB
GLUB
CLANC
CLANC
DONE!
NOW TURN THE CRANK!
CHAK



TAP

SURROUND THE BUILDING!
KCHA K
WE'LL CATCH THEM BY SURPRISE!

TAP TAP TAP

VRRMMMM

!

VRRRMMMM!

?!

KRAAASH

VRAAAAAM

5-E4

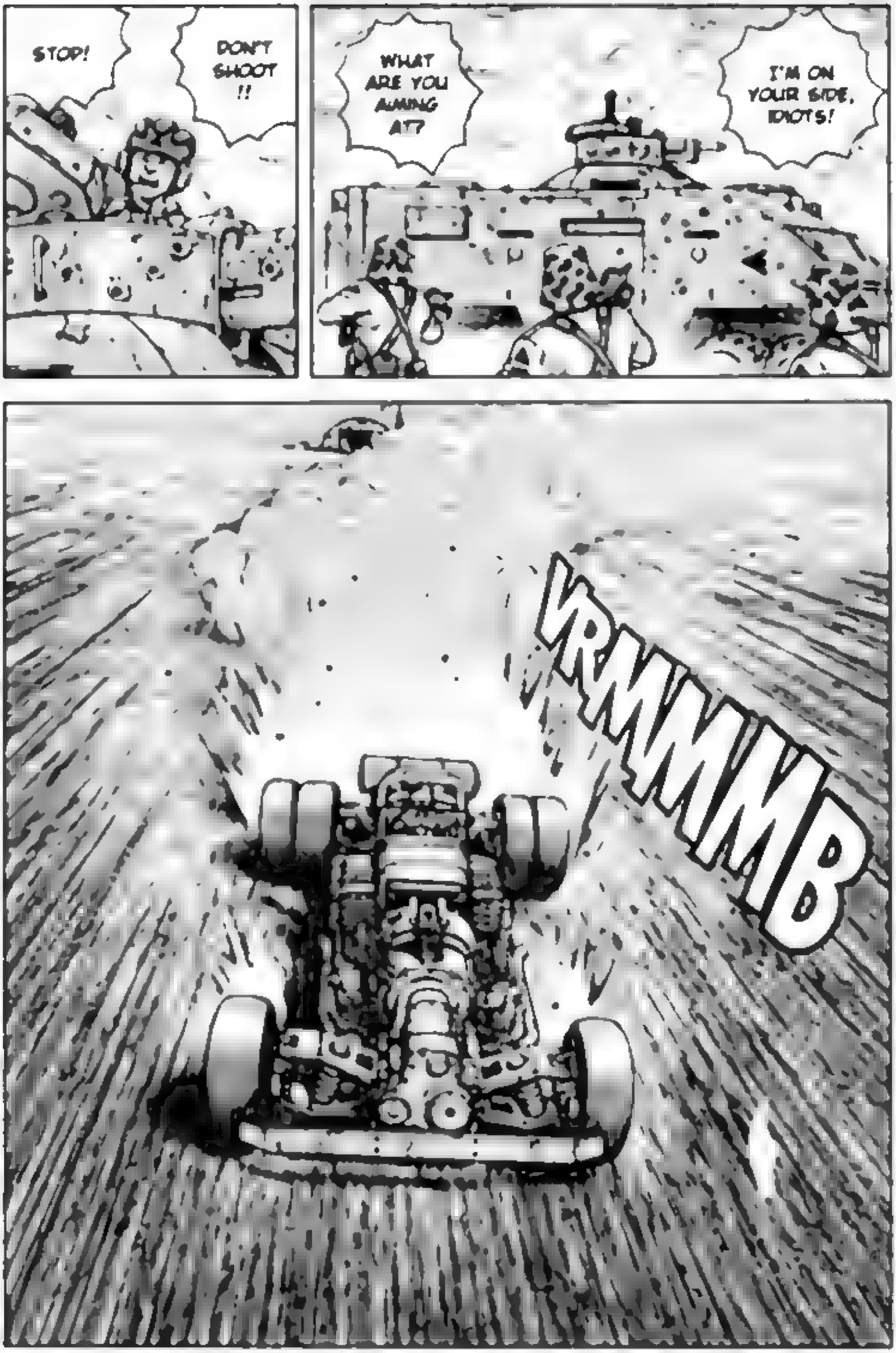
VRRM

MB

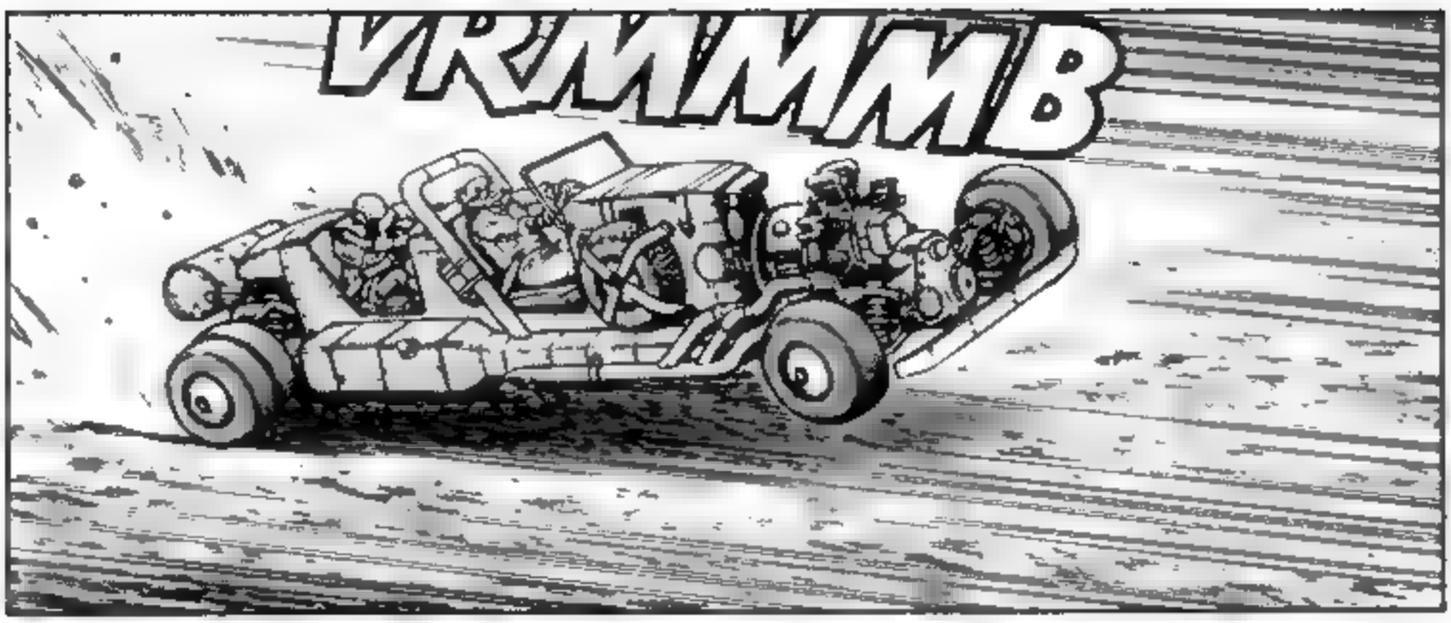
HELP, WE'RE GONNA DIE!

VRMMMMB

OUAAHH ...
KOFF KOFF
SHOOT! DON'T LET THEM RUN AWAY !!
BUT WHERE? WHERE ?!
IT DOESN'T MATTER, JUST SHOOT !!
BRRRRTT
BRRRRT
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK


STOP!
DON'T SHOOT !!
WHAT ARE YOU AIMING AT?
I'M ON YOUR SIDE, IDIOTS!
VRMMMB

VRMMMB
HEY! WHERE ARE WE GOING ?
WE HAVE TO GATHER SPEED ...
... TO TURN WITH THAT THING ...
SKREEEE
SKREEEE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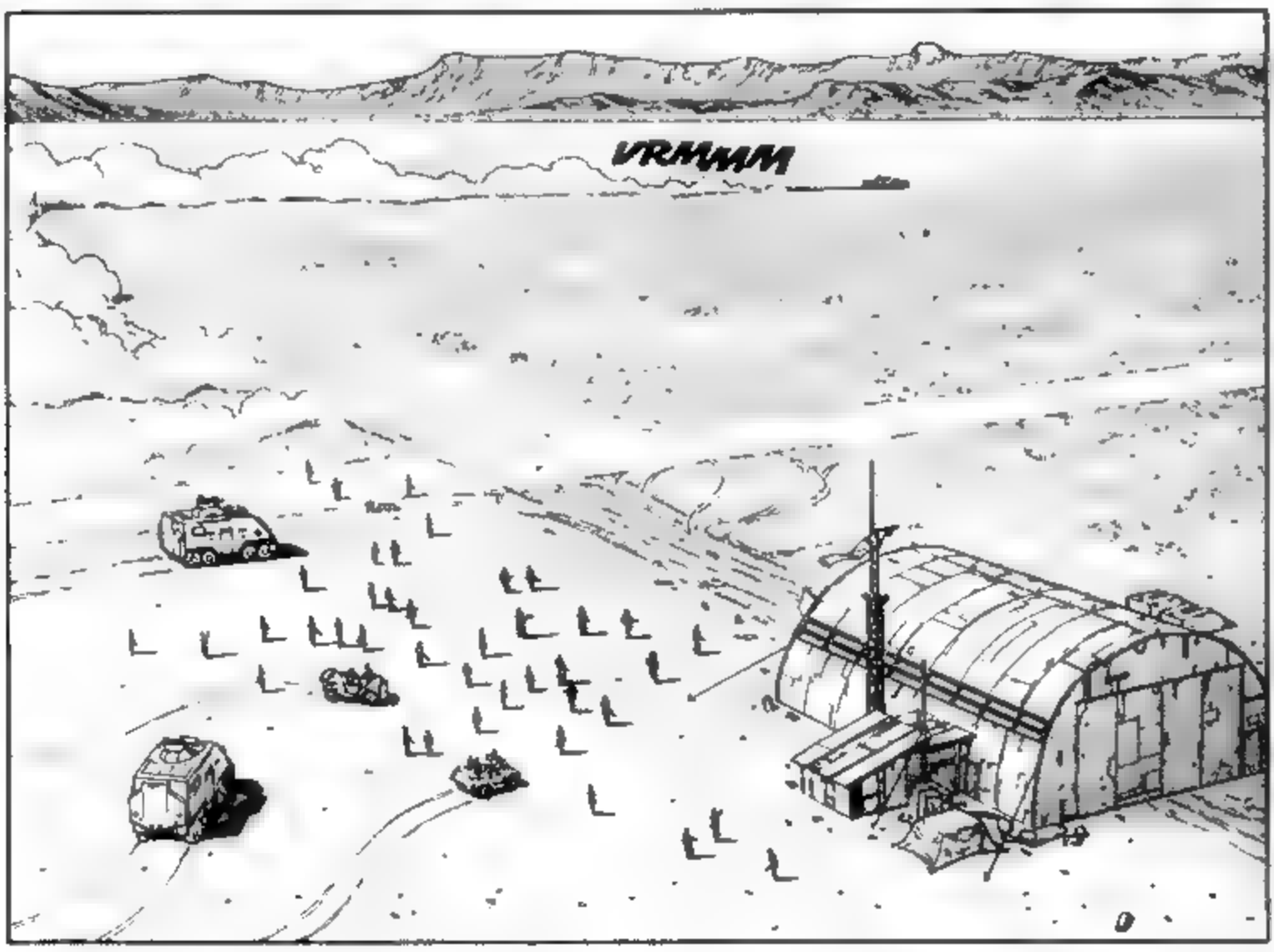

VRMMM

WHAT WAS THAT ?

I HAVE TO TALK TO YOUR COMMANDER!
IT'S TRUE !!
CLAC CLAC
CLAC
FHWUDD
OWW!
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TALK TO HIM AS MUCH AS YOU WANT TOMORROW ...

I'M LEAVING YOU WITH YOUR FAMILY
?
SHIT !!
ZRYSH
OH!
?!
GAC
YOU ARE
THE WOMAN FROM THE OTHER DAY!

TAP
YOU'VE BEEN ARREST?
AFTER ALL
WHAT'S YOUR NAME ?
ZIS
TSUMURI
TSUMURI
IT'S IT'S ME!
?!
I'M YOUR MOTHER
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU
FOR SO LONG

YOU WERE VERY YOUNG SO YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER ME ...
BUT YOUR BROTHER
HE TALKED ABOUT ME DIDN'T HE ?
IT'S MOM ... IT'S SARAH!
HARA'S MOTHER
YOU FELL SICK WHEN YOU WERE AT WRC AM AND YOU WERE TAKEN SOMEWHERE ELSE
SATOKO TOLD ME THAT
TAP TAP
YES IT'S ME
I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU!

HMM
THIS SITUATION IS REALLY INTERESTING
YOU
YOU'RE TSUMURI, AREN'T YOU?
IT'S MOM, TSUMURI!
SHUT UP! MY MOTHER IS DEAD!!
ZKH
AND MY FATHER WAS KILLED IN FRONT OF MY EYES!
SO DON'T TALK ABOUT THE PLEASURES OF A FAMILY !!
WHAT ?!

MY REAL NAME IS CLAUS!

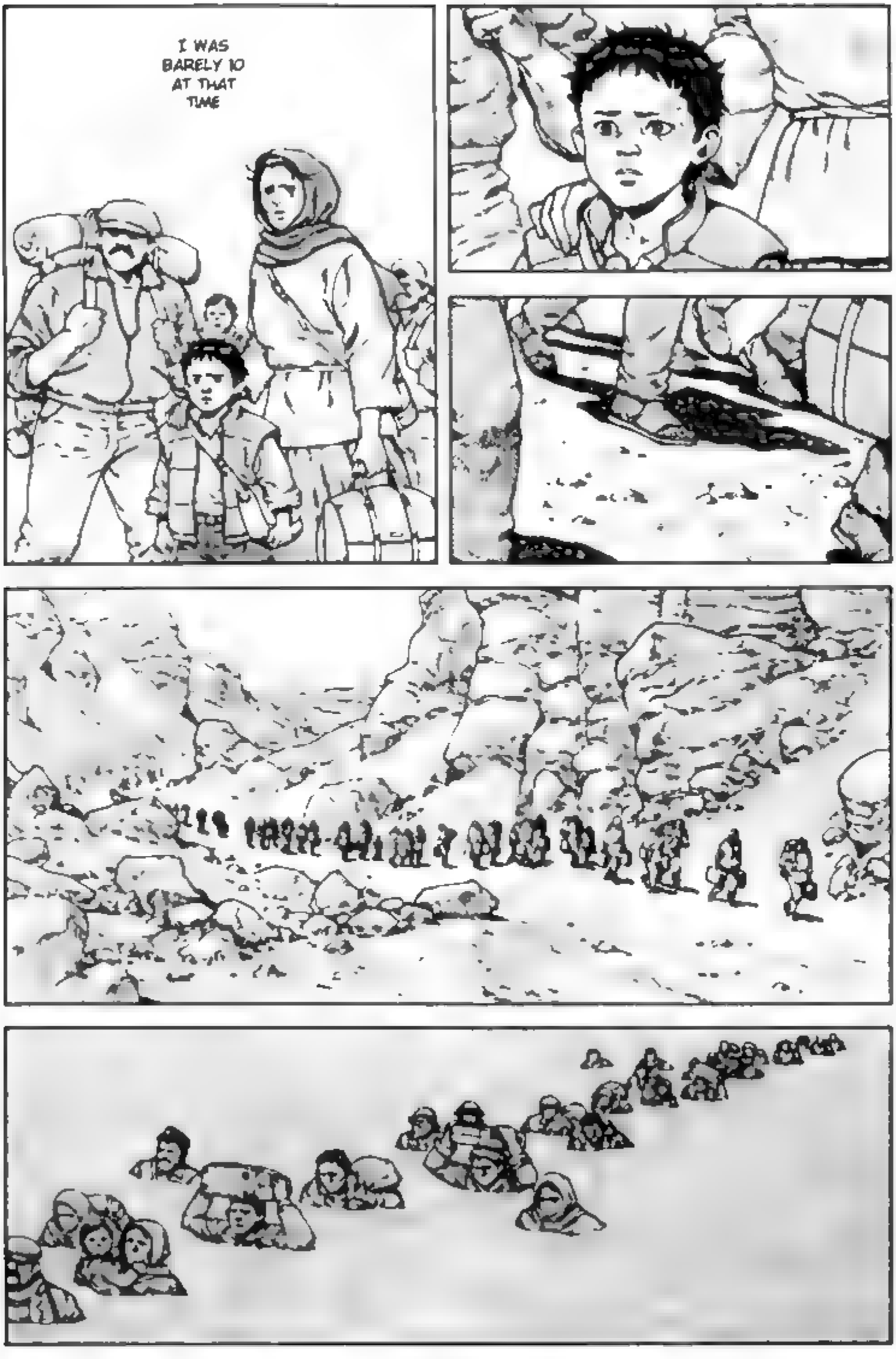
BUT THAT NAME
WHY ?

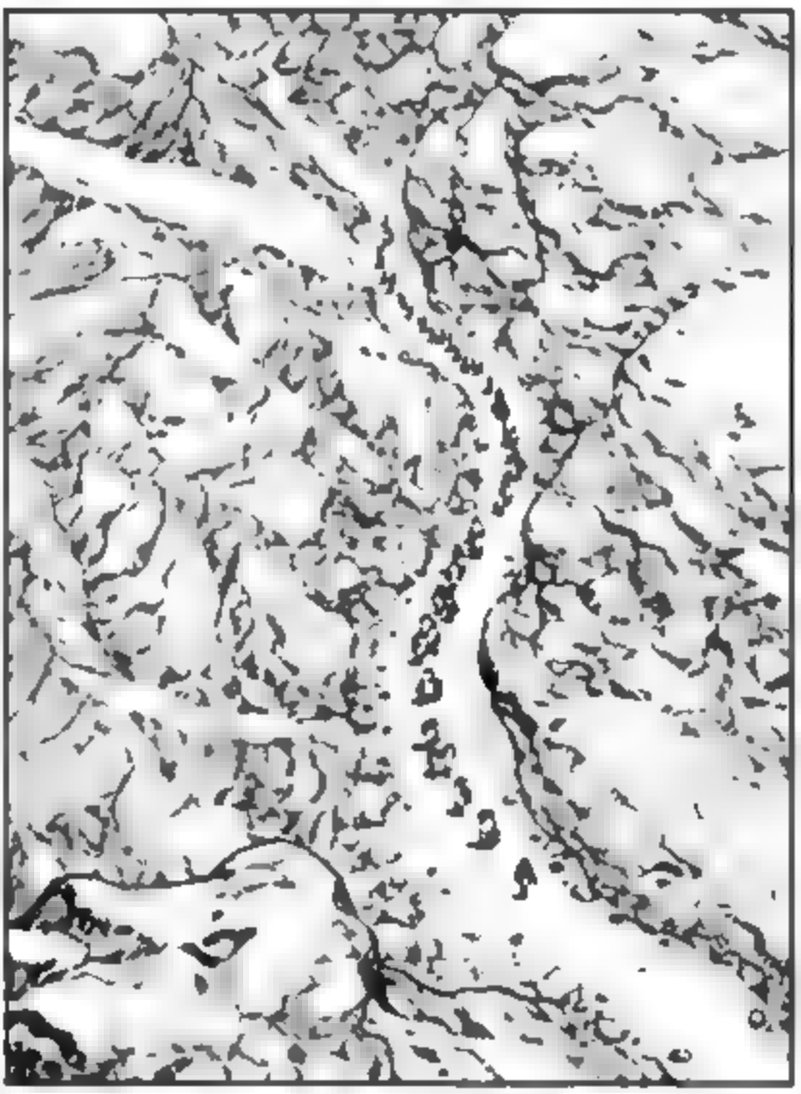
HARATO GAVE IT TO ME AFTER SAVING ME

SAVING ?

YEAH
WHBD

IT WAS 6 YEARS AGO
OUR HOUSE WAS DESTROYED


I WAS BARELY 10 AT THAT TIME



WE HAD ALMOST ARRIVED AT BYRON WHEN THEY APPEARED!

SOME OF THE IMMIGRANTS HAD WEAPONS

AND THEY USED THEM!

WE WERE REALLY UNLUCKY!

SEVERAL IMMIGRANTS MANAGED TO ESCAPE, BUT MOST OF US BECAME PRISONERS

THEY TOOK EVERY-THING FROM US : OUR LUGGAGE, OUR FOOD ... THEY EVEN ATE IT IN FRONT OF US
AND WHEN THEY WERE FULL...
GLUBS
THEY BEGUN TO KILL US ONE BY ONE SAYING IT WAS TO AVENGE THEIR DEAD COMRADES ..
BRRRT

I WAS HIDDEN BEHIND MY MOTHER ...
...
YOUR NAME ?
C... CLAUS ...
COME !!
I BEG OF YOU !
HE'S STILL A KID !
IT WAS HARATO !

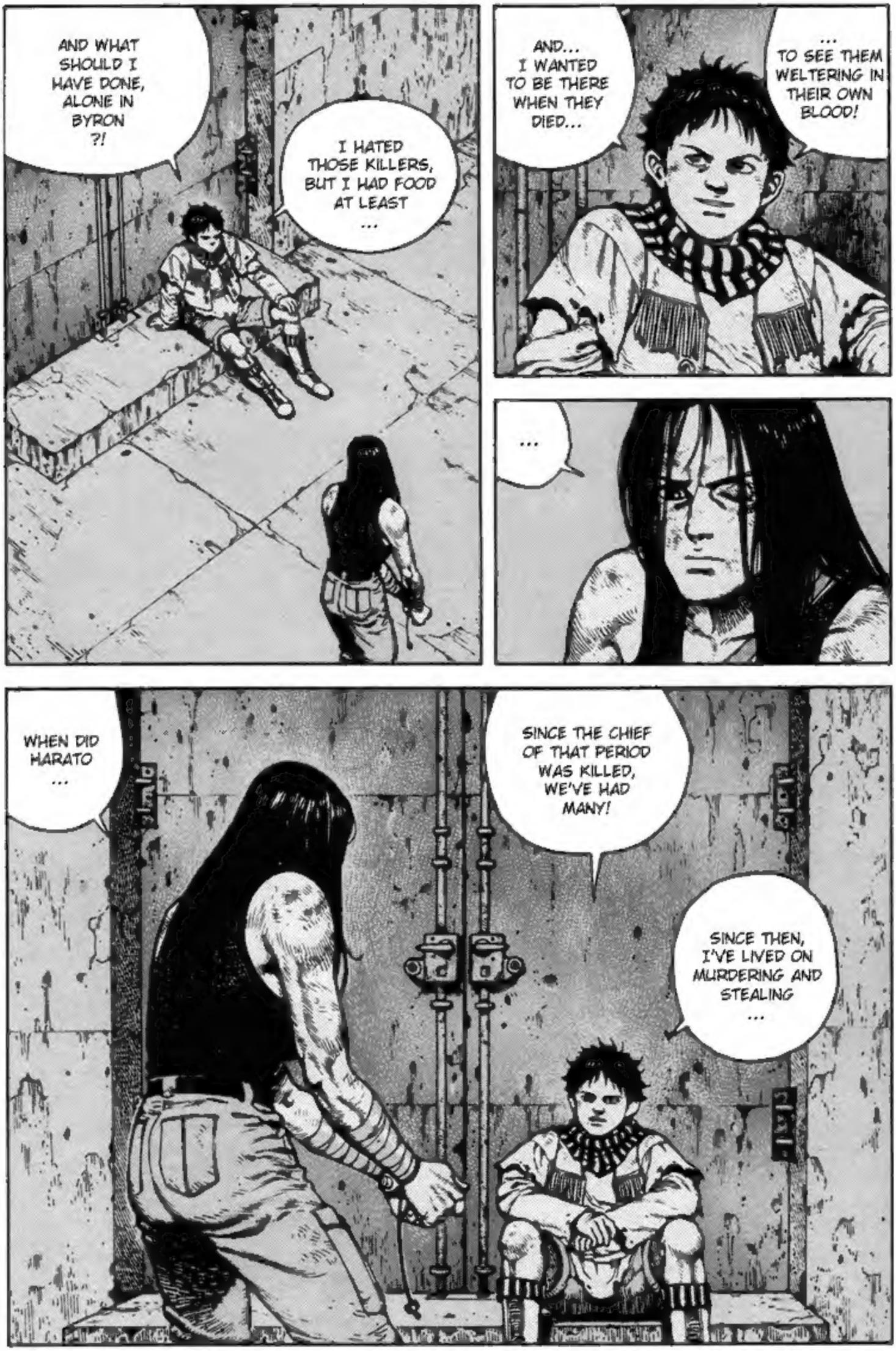
WA... WAIT!
SPARE MY WIFE AND MY SON!!
WRAKK
DARLING !!
FHWUDD
ZRISH
CLAUS!
KCHK

oomm
..
ZSSH
BKAM

!
WHAT'S GOING ON, HARATO?
KCHK
HE'S MY BROTHER! I'VE FOUND HIM AGAIN!
LET ME TAKE HIM BACK WITH US!
?!
COME!
HMM... AS YOU WISH!

!
CLAUS !!
CLAUS !!

MOM SHOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED ...
SINCE THEN ...
...
SINCE THEN, I HAVE LIVED WITH THOSE THIEVES ...
THEY BROUGHT ME UP ...
WHY ...
... DIDN'T YOU RUN AWAY ?
I WAS ONLY 10!
RUN AWAY ?


AND WHAT SHOULD I HAVE DONE, ALONE IN BYRON ?!
I HATED THOSE KILLERS, BUT I HAD FOOD AT LEAST ...
AND... I WANTED TO BE THERE WHEN THEY DIED...
... TO SEE THEM WELTERING IN THEIR OWN BLOOD!
...
WHEN DID HARATO ...
SINCE THE CHIEF OF THAT PERIOD WAS KILLED, WE'VE HAD MANY!
SINCE THEN, I'VE LIVED ON MURDERING AND STEALING ...

BUT EVEN IF MY "BROTHER" WAS REALLY NICE TO ME ...
HE'S JUST LIKE THE OTHERS!
HE'S A FRIEND OF THOSE WHO KILLED MY PARENTS!
YS
YOUR APPEARANCE ... THE WOMAN WHO LOOKS FOR HER SON ... HARATO ...
... IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY ...
?!
WHY ?!

WELL ...
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON!